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U.S. alleges Soviet bid to wean China away

TOKYO, March 27 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger Saturday warned against Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's recent proposal for a normalization of Sino-Soviet relations.

Weinberger told Japanese Defense Chief Soichiro Ito that the Brezhnev proposal appeared to be taking advantage of a presumed strain in Sino-American relations, Japanese officials said.

"But, there is actually no cooling of relations between the United States and China and I think China shares this view," Weinberger was quoted as telling Ito, according to a state minister and director-general of the defense agency. The two defense chiefs were attending a regular high-level bilateral meeting on defense.

Soviet President Brezhnev said in Tashkent Wednesday that Moscow was ready to reopen talks on the Sino-Soviet border dispute. Weinberger described U.S.-Chinese relations "friendly" and "vital to peace and stability in Asia," the officials said. The Pentagon chief also said that Washington was responsible for its relations with the nationalist Chinese in Taiwan and that Washington's pursuit of its commitments to Taipei would not result in weakening of relations between Washington and Peking.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Saturday told Weinberger that Japan will keep on modernizing its armed forces, Japanese officials said. But they said he told Weinberger, who pressed Suzuki to boost Japanese defenses because of growing Soviet power in the Pacific, that Western unity was of paramount importance.

Suzuki made the following points in his talk with Weinberger, according to the officials: — Japan would soon enforce economic sanctions against the Soviet Union to protest its intervention in Afghanistan and interference in Polish affairs. Such reprisals have already been taken by the United States and most of its Western allies.

— Tokyo hoped that the United States would try not to drive China toward the Soviet bloc.

— Trade frictions between Japan and the United States should be settled through negotiations.

Europeans advance time by 1 hour

PARIS, March 27 (AFP) — Most Europeans — 400 million people in 25 countries — will advance their clocks one hour Sunday, brightening evening skies and saving millions of dollars in electricity bills. In France alone, the savings amount to 300,000 tons of oil, or more than \$33 million. This would be enough to keep French traffic moving for a full week.

Among European countries, only the

Iraq calls for ceasefire

BEIRUT, March 27 (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein called Saturday for a ceasefire in the Gulf war and the settlement of Iraq's conflict with Iran by peaceful means, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

The agency said the call came in a message from President Hussein to an Islamic seminar in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Iraqi move follows a week of fierce battles in the Iranian oil province of Khuzestan during which Iran said its troops had recaptured territory from Iraqi forces.

The official agency said that in his message, President Hussein "issued a new call for a ceasefire and the settlement of the Iraqi-Iranian conflict by peaceful means which will guarantee just, historical and legitimate rights."

Iraq has called for ceasefires before, and on one occasion in the early weeks of the war in 1980 unilaterally stopped fighting for a few hours.

But Iran has rejected the idea of an unconditional ceasefire because this would leave Iraqi forces holding strips of Iranian territory. Iran has said it would not stop fighting until the last Iraqi soldier left its soil.

President Hussein said in his letter that he had no ambitions on Iranian territory and no desire to interfere in Iran's internal affairs. But he added: "We cannot allow them to interfere in our affairs, or insult our dignity, or export their special opinions to our proud, mighty Iraq."

Earlier Saturday Iraq said it had repulsed a large-scale Iranian offensive in the Dezful and Shush areas where the past week's fighting was concentrated.

Iraq said it had destroyed two Iraqi infan-

try and armored brigades and recaptured several strategic heights.

The official Iraqi agency quoted a military spokesman as having mocked the Iranian claims and declared: "The Iraqi units are still standing steadfastly in their positions deep inside Iran, as firm as mountains." Although Iraq had called for a ceasefire before, Saturday's appeal followed indications that the leadership in Baghdad was ready to make concessions after seeing its troops driven between two places by Iranian offensives late last year.

Iraq had consistently refused to withdraw from Iranian territory until Iran met its demands for full Iraqi sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab waterway between the two countries and the return of disputed border areas.

But after an Organization of Islamic Conference peace mission visited Baghdad and Tehran earlier this month, Islamic diplomats said Iraq now appeared ready to pull back if Iran would begin unconditional peace talks.

Later, President Hussein sent a message to the Islamic mission calling for the establishment of a committee to decide who started the war, a concession apparently aimed at meeting Iran's persistent demand that the "aggressor" in the conflict should be named.

Baghdad television Friday night showed what it described as the Shush-Dezful battlefront, with the scenes of bodies littering the area. Next to the dead were light armor, including automatic rifles and rocket launchers.

The film showed Iraqi troops searching the area for wounded, and a number of Iranian military vehicles which a commentator said had been abandoned in good condition.

Over South Georgia Islands Argentina-U.K. tiff heats up

BUENOS AIRES, March 27 (AP) — A simmering 150-year-old territorial dispute between Argentina and Britain neared the boiling point Friday as naval vessels from the two countries converged on the south Georgia Islands.

Argentina Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez told journalists the situation resulting from the landing last week of a group of Argentines on the British-administered islands was "grave and serious." He said the Argentine Navy transport vessel *Bahia Paraíso* was nearing San Pedro, the archipelago's largest island, and that it would provide the

Argentines there with "all the diplomatic protection and security necessary."

In London the Foreign Office, expressing "great concern" Saturday refused to comment on Argentina's decision to send a warship to South Georgia Island. "We have seen the reports about the sending of an Argentine ship but we have nothing to say about it," a Foreign Office spokesman said. He added that "diplomatic exchanges" were still going on normally.

The Argentine news agency DYN quoted a high naval source as saying the vessel, with 200 civilians and an undisclosed number of marines on board, had anchored off the island, some 1,920 kms southeast of here. The source said the Argentine vessel was within sight of the British ship *HMS Endurance*.

Unconfirmed reports from London said *The Endurance*, deployed in waters around British South Atlantic possessions, had been ordered to South Georgia to remove the Argentine landing party "by force if need be."

Costa Mendez, who met six times with British Ambassador to Argentina Anthony Williams between Tuesday and Thursday, spoke with reporters after meeting with Argentina's ruling military junta. The junta is comprised of the commander-in-chief of the army, navy and air force. Army commander Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri is also Argentina's president.

The navy source cited by DYN termed the situation "extremely critical." The British news agency Press Association reported Wednesday *The Endurance* had been ordered from Port Stanley in the Falklands to San Pedro, the largest of the South Georgia Islands, where the Argentines had landed. The Georgias, like the South Sandwich Islands, are dependencies of the Falklands.

Mubarak releases 201 political prisoners

CAIRO, March 27 (AFP) — A group of 201 political prisoners arrested last September on charges of religious sedition were released Saturday on orders of President Hosni Mubarak, it was announced here. "These people no longer constitute a threat for the security of the nation," authorities said, adding that the detainees have "renounced their extremist ideas following ideological and moral re-education in prison."

An estimated 700 people arrested during the September crackdown ordered by the late President Anwar Sadat still remain in jail.

Bangladesh president sworn in

DACCA, March 27 (Agencies) — Abdul Fazal Muhammad Ahsanuddin Chowdhury, a retired judge of Supreme Court, was sworn in Saturday as the ninth president of Bangladesh since its independence from Pakistan in 1971. Chowdhury, 66, took the oath of office in a brief ceremony at the official presidential residence in Dacca. He will be a purely ceremonial president. Lt. Gen. Hussain Mohammad Ershad, leader of Wednesday's bloodless takeover, attended the ceremony.

Ershad's selection of Chowdhury as the country's new head of state came as a surprise to many in the capital. Chowdhury was to most people a complete unknown, and he quickly was tagged "the faceless man." Nearly 24 hours after his appointment, the government still had not produced an official biography on Chowdhury who told a reporter after the ceremony, however, that he had retired from the Supreme Court in 1977.

Political observers and local reporters said Chowdhury had a reputation as a quiet and honest man.

U.S. risked N-war to hold West Berlin

WASHINGTON, March 27 (R) — U.S. officials were re-ly in 1959 for nuclear war if necessary to hold on to West Berlin, according to obviously secret Senate testimony released Saturday.

Christian Herter, then acting secretary of state, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at the time that the Western powers hoped to negotiate but were ready to go to war if the Soviet Union tried to drive them out of West Berlin. "We are in good position to meet what may be the ultimate threat," Herter testified March 10, 1959. "When I say ultimate threat, do you mean nuclear bombing?" Democratic Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana asked. "It would have to come to that," Herter replied.

The testimony by officials in the late President Dwight Eisenhower's administration was made public by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Herter said nuclear weapons would have to be used because it would take years for the West to build up forces to "match Soviet bloc troops for a conventional war."

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had threatened in November 1958 that the Western powers remove their forces from West Berlin and make it free, demilitarized etc.

Arab ministers set to debate West Bank

TUNIS, March 27 (R) — Arab foreign ministers will hold a special meeting in Tunis next week to discuss the current uprising in Arab territories occupied by Israel.

Eight persons have died in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in uprisings following the dismissal of three West Bank Mayors by Israeli occupation authorities. The special meeting was called by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) at a regular Arab League Council session which ended early Saturday.

Next week's meeting will focus on "latest developments in occupied territories in the light of the repression campaign by Zionist occupation authorities against Palestinian citizens" in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, a league statement said. Under league regulations, special meetings should be called

in the three days after they have been requested — meaning next Tuesday in this case.

The Arab League secretariat-general Saturday will start approaching the organization's members to see whether they can attend at such short notice, league sources said. They left open the possibility that the meeting might not start as soon as Tuesday. But in Abu Dhabi, the official Emirates News Agency said the United Arab Emirates would be ready to attend Tuesday.

The three-day ordinary meeting of the 22-member Arab League decided to make all Arab assistance available to "the Arab people of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the (Syrian) Golan in their struggle against the Camp David agreement," the league statement said.

Turmoil engulfs more areas Israelis resort to firing

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank, March 27 (Agencies) — A strong anti-Israeli uprising erupted in Nablus Saturday and an Israeli army officer was injured as troops battled Palestinian youths hurling stones and using slingshots to fire bottles and chunks of metal.

Israeli troops used tear gas and opened fire in the narrow alleys of the old marketplace to disperse the people who shouted: "Palestine is Arab." Soldiers arrested dozens of Arab youths, and some troops were seen beating the Arabs they took into custody.

Israel radio also reported disturbances and anti-Israeli demonstrations in the West Bank towns of Bethlehem, Bet Sahour and Hebron as a wave of trouble continued in the wake of Israel's dismissal of three Palestinian nationalist mayors in Nablus, Ramallah and El Bireh.

Trying to break a general strike, soldiers used bull cutters to break padlocks on shops in Nablus. Israel radio reported that police in Jerusalem have arrested about 50 shopkeepers for refusing orders to open their shops.

In the Gaza Strip, merchants kept their businesses closed until troops forced them to open about 10 a.m. Reliable Arab sources in Gaza said a sit-down strike was held at a charity office by a group of doctors, engineers,

lawyers and students to protest Israeli policy in the occupied territories.

Uprisings took place throughout the occupied areas Saturday as the mayor of Ramallah, Karim Khalaf, was placed under house arrest at his holiday home in Jericho. Also the El Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil was banned from receiving visitors and soldiers put up barricades in front of the home of Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa.

In response to the disturbances throughout the occupied territories, the National Arab Land Defense Committee grouping Arab mayors, city councillors and public figures in Israel Saturday called on the Arabs to stage a general strike on Tuesday, March 30, the Arab's "Land Day."

Stevens arrives

JEDDAH, March 27 (SPA) — The President of Sierra Leone Siaka Stevens arrived here Saturday to begin a state visit. He was welcomed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, senior officials and officers.

Siaka who is due to leave for Riyadh Sunday will hold talks with King Khaled to strengthen economic, cultural and educational relations.

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GCC to form joint military force

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — The Gulf Cooperation Council states are in the process of creating a Gulf military force to safeguard the council's principles of non-alignment, non-acceptance of foreign bases and alien military presence and self-reliance in defending the Gulf, according to Abdullah Bishara, GCC secretary general.

In an interview published in *Al-Madinah* Saturday, Bishara said that the quiet dialogue now going on in the Gulf revolves round this subject.

"We are neither NATO nor the Red Army, but we realize our potentials and some kind of a feeling and resolve has arisen among us to create this force. However, this cannot be done suddenly," he said. He described the GCC as a "giant council," and referred to the

experiment recently made in solving the Qatari-Bahraini dispute within its domain. He said many issues will dissolve and barriers will be broken to rearrange the Gulf matters.

Bishara ruled out the entry of new members into the council in view of the situation of the six member states and also of the requirements which are not available in others. He stressed the links between Gulf stability and the Palestine issue. "The Gulf bears a big political, material and moral responsibility toward the Arab issues and is the political bridge between the Arabs and the Western world," he said. "This is a bridge that is now being reinforced for the Palestine issue and other pressing issues of the Arabs," he added.

Bishara referred to the Saudi-proposed Arab peace plan and described it as a "joint Saudi-Gulf initiative" reaffirming the real role of the Gulf in adopting resolutions. He said the absence of a diplomatic exchange with the Eastern bloc does not mean that the Gulf has fallen into the laps of the United States and the West.

"In fact, the non-existence of such relations reflects the conviction of some Gulf states that the Eastern bloc's role is idle and void of any initiative," he said. The Soviet

Union is a party to some of the problems which have been imposed on some Gulf states. Bishara also said that some others are convinced that "the establishment of ties with the Soviet Union will benefit the Soviets and not us."

Bishara urged not to impose this issue on the Gulf policy and also not to rush to establish such ties which, he said, "are not as necessary to be set up today as it is necessary to keep the contact going, which is actually in existence."

BRIEFS

TABUK. (SPA) — Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid planted the first tree here Saturday launching the afforestation week in the region. The tree was planted at the new King Khaled park being built by the municipality. The governor also will chair the final ceremony for the week during which prize incentives will be distributed to participants. Schools, public and private organizations have joined the effort to carry out the planting of saplings.

JEDDAH. (SPA) — The National Guard Agency in the Western Region held its sixth sports day here Friday under the auspices of Prince Khaled ibn Abdullah, the region's National Guard undersecretary. The day's program included various sports competitions between the National Guard departments and units in the region.

JEDDAH. (SPA) — A Yemeni cultural week opens here April 10 with 100 men of letters, poets and artists from North Yemen taking part. The week includes exhibitions for books, plastic arts, handicrafts, fashion, culture, photographs and stamps. Poetry reading evenings, historic seminars, theatrical plays and songs will be held during the week.

RIYADH. (SPA) — A delegation of cement company directors visits the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization Sunday. The delegation, invited by SASO, will hold talks with the organization's officials to draw up a draft for cooperation to ensure continuous production of the country's cement companies according to the national standard specifications.

DAMMAM. (SPA) — Damman Municipality will organize a cleaning week as of April 10 which includes a series of seminars on the subject.

Yamani raps village leagues

MWL blasts Israeli acts against civilians

MAKKAH, March 27 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League Saturday denounced the atrocities of the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian unarmed youths, women, children and old people.

Harakan said in a statement that the present upheaval in the occupied territories once again proves the firm determination of the Palestinian people and, at the same time, adds a new chapter to the Jewish barbarism against the unarmed inhabitants. As an international Islamic body, he said, the MWL condemns and rejects the Jewish repressive acts which are far from the human principles recognized by the international society.

The MWL chief said the Zionist enemy aims at annexing the West Bank and Gaza

Strip as it earlier did with Golan Heights.

Meanwhile, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad abdo Yamani said Saturday the recent Israeli moves of establishing village leagues in the occupied West Bank have exposed the ultimate Zionist intentions for annexing the West Bank. Yamani strongly condemned the role of some "suspicious elements" collaborating with the Zionist

enemy.

Yamani, in a statement published by *Okaz*, said that the Israeli reprisal acts and violations are not merely a challenge to Palestinians, but a naked threat to the will of the whole world.

He reaffirmed the Kingdom's full support for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	4:53	4:53	4:24	4:11	4:35	5:04
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:26	12:27	11:58	11:45	12:09	12:39
Asr (Afternoon)	3:51	3:54	3:26	3:13	3:38	4:09
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:35	6:37	6:08	5:55	6:20	6:50
Isha (Night)	8:05	8:07	7:38	7:25	7:50	8:20

Language classes planned

JEDDAH, March 27 — The Faisaliyah Welfare Society will hold classes to teach English and French to beginners, intermediate and advanced students. It was announced here Saturday. Registrations have been invited. An English course of 60 hours will cost SR900 while the French course of 60 hours SR1,200. Books will be supplied free of charge.

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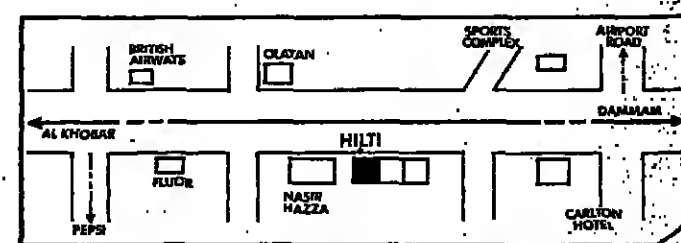
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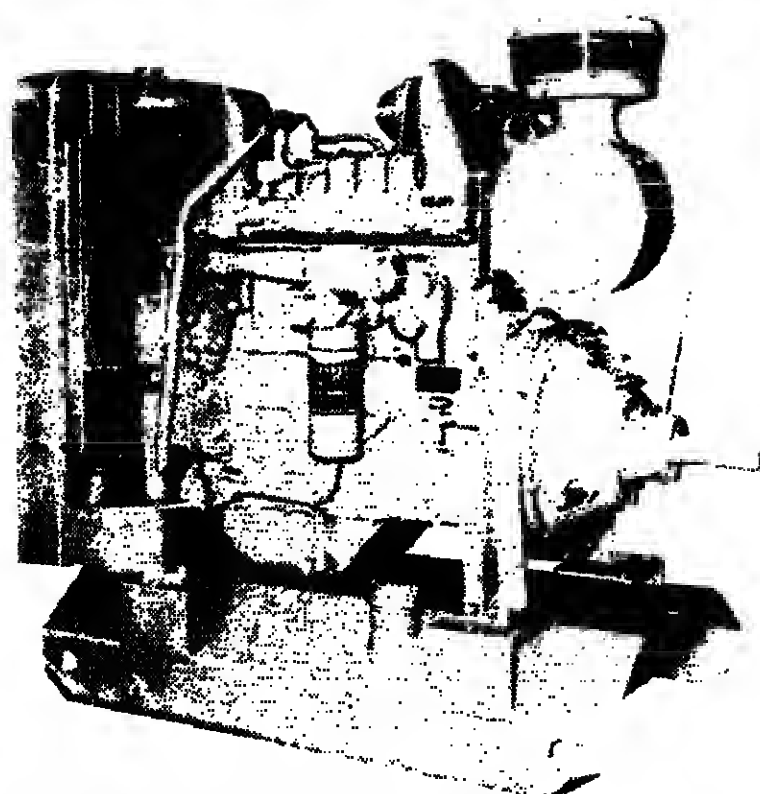
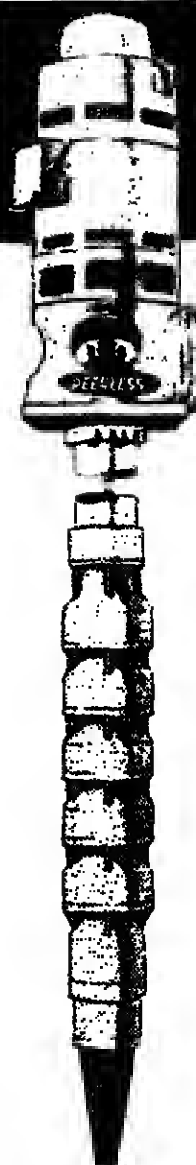
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Kingdom to maintain current expenditure

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail Saturday announced there is adequate financial reserve to support the Kingdom's current oil revenues in meeting the development requirements and ensuring its continuance on

the previous levels.

In an interview published in the Kuwaiti daily *As-Siyassah* and the local dailies *Al-Jazirah* and *Okaz*, Saturday, Aba Al-Khail said the oil glut crisis will end, "according to our estimates, during the coming summer on the consideration that industrialized nations will partially overcome their economic crisis, revival will begin and consumption will rise. These countries will stop consuming their oil reserve."

He said the Kingdom has enough reserves and, consequently, its reduction of oil production will not have any impact on the general spending and development policies. He referred to the increase in spending and said that during the past 11 months of the current fiscal year, nearly SR2.6 billion were spent compared to SR1.62 billion during the same period last year. He added that the financial situation in the area was tending to become stable after years of continuous growth in financial resources.



Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail

Aba Al-Khail said that an increase in the state's revenues has created a strong desire in shortening the period of development. He commended the state for opening numerous channels for the distribution of wealth to the private sector for its development.

He said, for example, that the state allocated SR50 billion for housing purposes through state loans without interest and another SR20 billion to help electricity companies. In addition to other allocations with a view to supporting prices of foodstuff and setting up productive projects.

Sultan confers with Palestinian military mission

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan held talks here Saturday with a Palestinian military team on issues of mutual interest. The team, representing the military command of Fatah, the main Palestinian group, was led by Khalil Al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), a member of the Fatah central committee and deputy commander-in-chief of the Palestinian revolutionary forces.

Earlier this month, the Kingdom gave the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which groups various Palestinian organizations including Fatah, \$28.5 million.

Chinese minister due

RIYADH, March 27 (SPA) — Chinese Health Minister Dr. Tehc Shu Shah will arrive here Tuesday on a five-day visit of the Kingdom during which he will hold talks with Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi and other officials on promoting cooperation.

Moroccans probe judiciary links

MADINAH, March 27 (SPA) — Cordial talks on bilateral relations, and especially justice and jurisdiction were discussed here Saturday by the Moroccan judiciary delegation when it met with Madinah Governor Prince Abdul Muhsein.

Earlier, the group visited the Islamic University of Madinah for talks with its vice-president, Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaved. Discussions dealt with university goals, its service to Muslims and the prospects of cooperation with a Moroccan jurisdiction institute.

The group also met with Sheikh Abdul

Aziz ibn Saleh, president of Madinah Sharia courts, and several judges. The Moroccans began their visit of the Kingdom Saturday and they are expected to conclude it Monday.

Friday night, the group was received by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling, guidance and call to Islam. The group, led by the head of a higher council entrusted by the Ministry of Justice, Saddiq Saeh, was briefed by Sheikh ibn Baz on the necessity of ulema and faqihs' guiding of the general public to the right path.

Team to promote Albertan lumber

By Habib Rahaman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 27 — A seven-man trade delegation from the Canadian Province of Alberta is here to promote its lumber products. The group, led by E. Luck, assistant deputy minister of economic development, has already visited Alkhohar and Riyadh and held talks with officials of chambers of commerce and industry.

G. De Maria a member, told Arab News

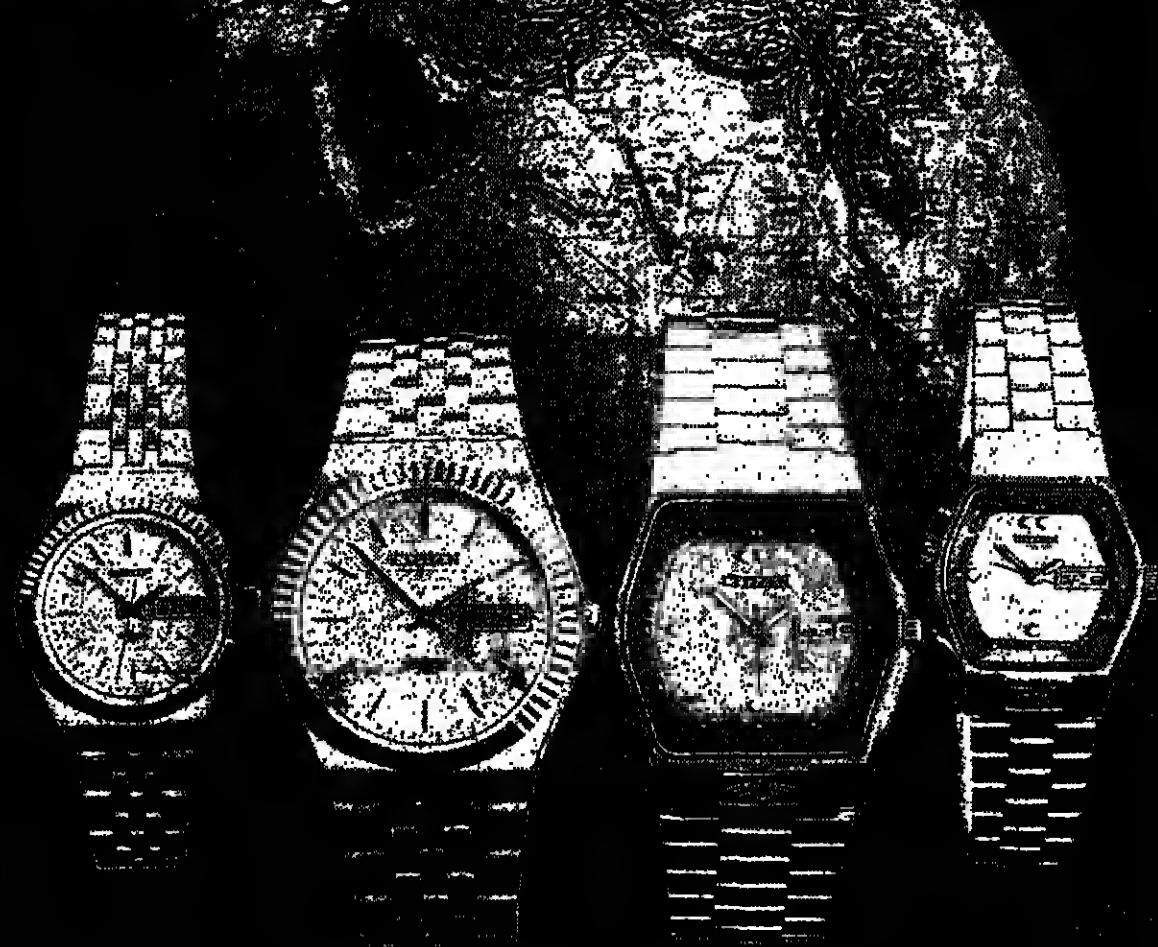
that Alberta lumber can stand the heat in Saudi Arabia. "Unlike that of European countries," it is ideally suited for the Kingdom's climate," he said.

The trade mission will study market conditions, specifications, shipping procedures and types of goods required. Later, a businessmen's delegation will follow to establish a long-term trade relationship with the Kingdom, said De Maria.

Saudi Arabia, is in fact already importing lumber from Canada.

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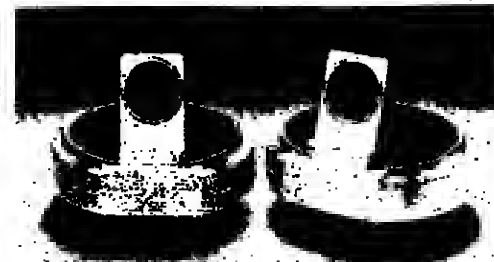
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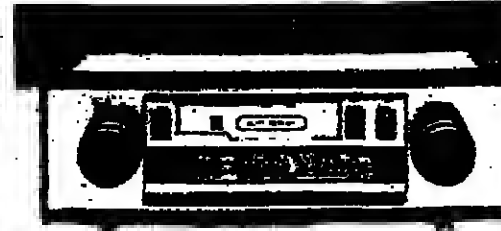
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30 extremists held in Cairo crackdown

CAIRO, March 27 (AP) — Police have arrested 30 Muslim extremists in what appeared to be a continuation of a crackdown campaign President Anwar Sadat started a month before his assassination, a Cairo weekly reported Saturday.

The mass-circulation *Akhbar El Yom* said the newly-arrested are members of Takfir Wal Higa (the society of imprecation and flight from sin) organization, a group police sources say has close connections with Al-Jihad which plotted Sadat's assassination last October. The newspaper gave no further details.

The government-inspired news media has been talking for more than a month of an imminent indictment covering charges against about 1,000 extremists but no such step was taken yet. Justice ministry sources, however, say they expected the indictment to cover more than 2,000 persons, including members from Al-Jihad or holy struggle.

Bid to send Iran U.S. tank parts foiled; two held

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) — Two Pakistanis have been arrested on charges of conspiring to export American tank parts to Iran, U.S. customs service said Friday.

The arrests followed a routine customs inspection after one of the men, identified as Saeed Zakaria, 67, arrived in Dulles International Airport Thursday night from London, customs spokesman Edward Kittredge said.

Kittredge said the agents found numerous documents in Zakaria's luggage concerning sale of M-60 tank parts to Iran. Zakaria and Amin Din, 37, who was arrested later in Washington, admitted the use of false export documents specifying Pakistan as the receiver of the parts, Kittredge said.

U.S. Magistrate Harris Grimsen ordered that Zakaria be held without bond and set Din's bond at \$1 million, pending a preliminary hearing set for next Wednesday.

Political dispute behind murder of Lebanese in U.S.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 27 (AP) — An American friend of a Lebanese student who was shot and killed on a downtown street has said that political tensions between rival Lebanese groups led to the killing.

Sundra Khalid, 38, a foreign language adviser at Cuyahoga Community College, told the Associated Press Friday that Salim T. Abilmouna was killed in a dispute between Lebanese rightists and Palestinians over the showing of a movie about the civil war in Lebanon.

Abilmouna, 27, was shot three times in the chest and died Thursday on Prospect Avenue in Downtown Cleveland. Two friends also were shot and were hospitalized in stable condition. They were identified as Bassam Khawam, 27, and his brother Jamil, 23.

Police Friday charged Saadallah Sarkis, 46, with murder. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Monday, police detective Robert Bolton said.

Ms. Khalid, a U.S. citizen who said she once was married to a Palestinian, said trouble here between Lebanese rightists and Lebanese of Palestinian descent has been brewing since Salim and the Khawam brothers convinced college officials not to show "the Lebanese war" on campus three weeks ago. She said the Palestinian Lebanese feared "a riot" if the movie were shown because they believed the movie was slanted against the Palestinians.

Bolton said police don't know the motive for the shooting. He said officers still were questioning witnesses to the shooting Thursday afternoon.

Ms. Khalid said she is in hiding and her four children are staying with friends. "The Mideast war is now here," she said.

About 150 students from Lebanon attend the college.

Sarkis said not seeking re-election

BEIRUT, March 27 (AFP) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis Saturday reaffirmed that he would not seek re-election when his term ended in September.

The decision not to continue beyond Sept. 23 was "political and independent of health," he told the Lebanese publication *Al-Ushuh Al-Arabi*. In the interview, Sarkis took a bitter look at his experience in office since coming to power with his country "paralyzed and its institutions out of joint."

Asked if the time was right for Lebanon to ask Syrian troops to leave, Sarkis said "Syrian forces are in Lebanon as part of the Arab Deterrent Force, on a mission defined and approved by the Arab League." He said the government would not hesitate to ask the Syrians to leave if their presence "is no longer necessary or it becomes a burden for Syria, or for Lebanon." Sarkis said internal and external reasons contributed to the lack of a national consensus. "The government is unfortunately faced with political positions dictated to (local) active forces by their arms suppliers."

Trial of 73 saboteurs resumed in Bahrain

BAHRAIN, March 27 (R) — The trial resumed here Saturday of 73 men who face a possible death sentence in connection with an Iranian-backed coup attempt in Bahrain, government officials said.

Foreign journalists have not been allowed to attend the trial, which was adjourned immediately when it opened two weeks ago in a prison at a remote fishing village on the east coast of the gulf.

But officials said that a few journalist employees of the information ministry had been allowed to attend the trial before the Bahrain Supreme Court sitting at the village of Jau.

U.S. formally joins Sinai force

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) — The United States formally joined the 11-nation Sinai peacekeeping force Friday in a signing ceremony that Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig symbolized as a firm determination "to carry peace forward" in the Middle East.

Leaman Ray Hunt, the director general of the multinational peacekeeping force, said 2,400 soldiers are now in the area.

The adjournment had been granted to allow defense lawyers time to study the indictment and prosecution evidence and to meet their clients.

The defendants, who are mostly Bahrainis, have been charged with belonging to an illegal organization and possessing unlicensed arms and explosives. Two were also charged with anti-state activities in the service of a foreign power, according to the official Gulf News Agency.

The agency, which carried the official indictment, did not identify the foreign power.

He said that the force including the final 100 troops will be in place and ready to carry out their observer mission when Israel withdraws from Egyptian territory in the Sinai April 25. Israel had occupied the territory in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Haig and Hunt, seated at a desk in the Benjamin Franklin Room of the State Department, signed the papers that officially bring the United States into the force.

Turkey hangs terrorist

ANKARA, March 27 (AP) — A rightist terrorist, convicted on two counts of murder, was hanged early Saturday in a maximum security prison in this capital city, it was officially announced.


The terrorist, Fikri Arkan, 31, was sentenced to death by a military tribunal here in July, 1981, for the assassination of two political rivals, leftist youths Halim Kaplan and Veli Guner, in an Ankara suburb four years ago. No reporters were allowed to witness the execution.

An accomplice of Arkan, Kemal Ozdemir, 36, was sentenced to death in absentia by the same court. Ozdemir escaped from a military hospital, where he was transferred from prison for treatment, in 1979 and is still at large.

Elsewhere, in eastern Turkey, 15 persons were killed in an avalanche, Turkish state radio reported Friday.

The radio report said the tragedy took place in Onoluk, a village near the Soviet border. Thursday night, the bodies of the victims, nine adults and six children from two families, were dug out of the snow Friday. The radio report said 75 livestock were also killed in the avalanche.

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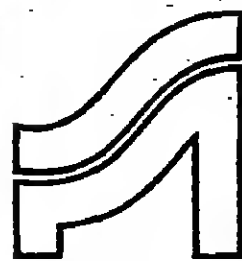
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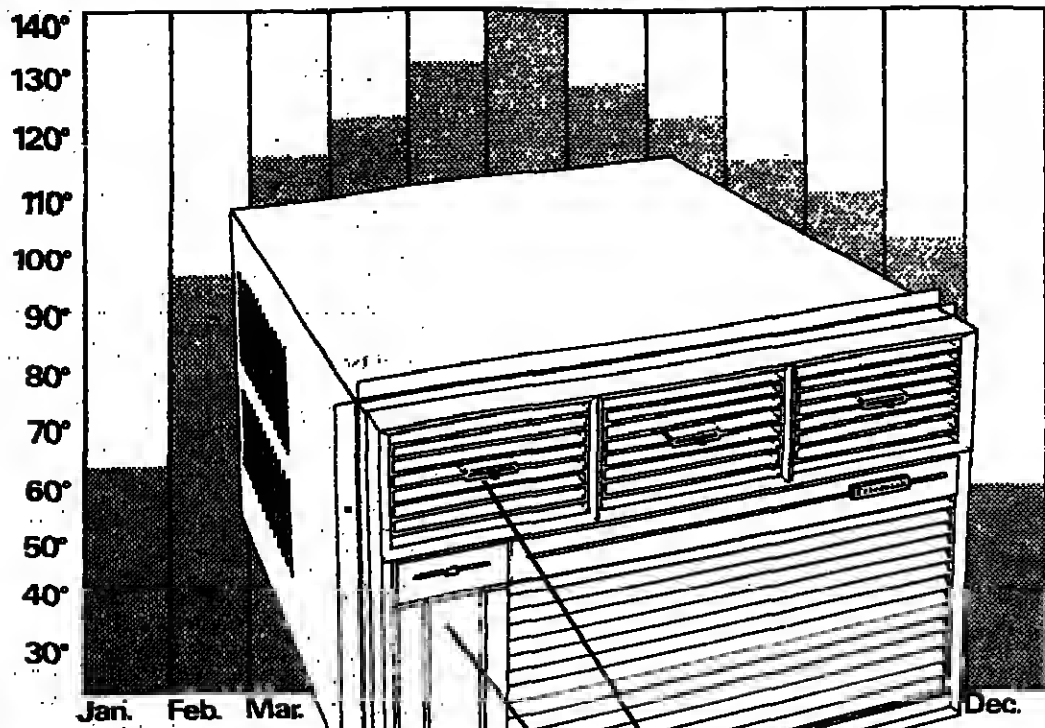
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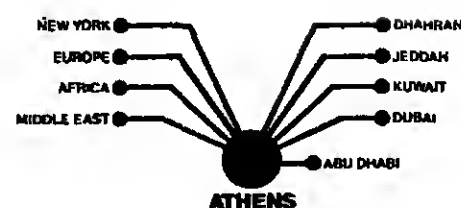
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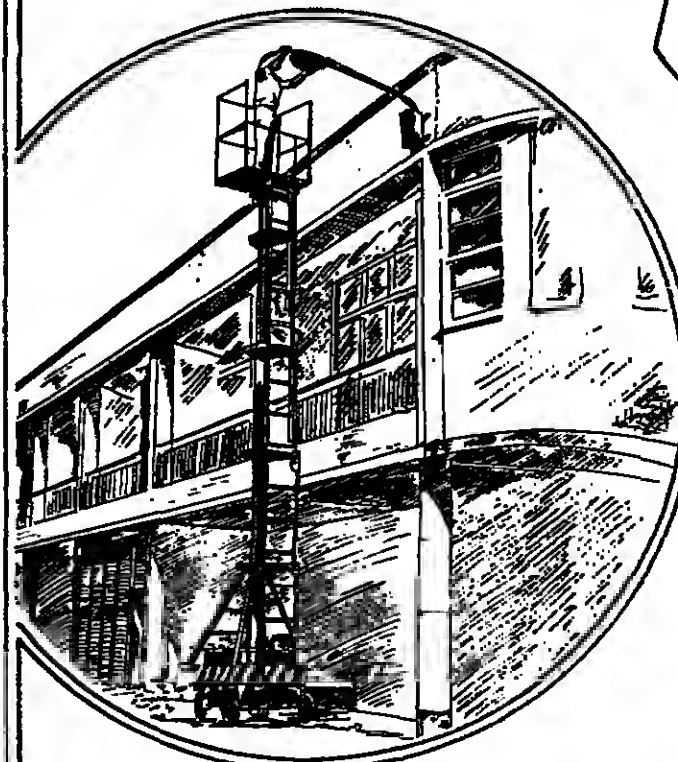
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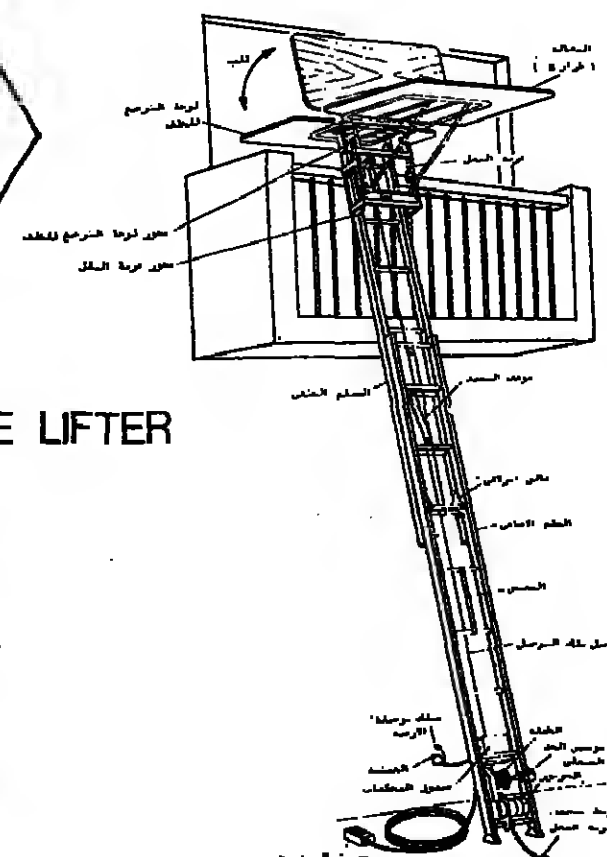


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Who is killing the people of Central America and why?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer led counterinsurgency and internal defense planning for Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson while in the State Department from 1961 to 1966. He is now a resident associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.)

By Charles Maechling Jr.

In the space of two years, nearly 25,000 people have been killed in El Salvador — not in combat or caught in cross fire, but tortured, mutilated and butchered in cold blood. Every night, men and women are dragged from their homes by armed men; every morning, their mutilated corpses turn up in roadside ditches and garbage dumps. In the last 60 days, 400 to 800 villagers have been massacred.

In Guatemala, whole villages of Indians and a wide spectrum of the intelligentsia — journalists, teachers, social workers, students, doctors — have been killed in political violence.

Who is killing the people of Central America — and why?

All reputable sources with first-hand knowledge — the Roman Catholic Church, the Red Cross, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, the Organization of American States' Human Rights Commission, Amnesty International, former U.S. ambassadors — tell the same story: A small number is certainly being killed by the rebels. But guerrillas

have no vehicles, and the bodies turn up either after motorized "sweeps" by the security forces or after visits by masked men in vehicles who circulate freely through roadblocks and shoot-first curfews.

These atrocities are not just a tragic byproduct of civil war. Nor are they accidental. Not understood by the American public, and concealed by the Reagan administration, is that the Latin American military — Salvadoran, Guatemalan or Argentine — routinely employs terror to exterminate guerrillas and insurgency movements. Devised by the Nazis for occupied Europe, perfected by Argentina and now passed from hand to hand by Latin military staffs, the strategy involves torture and murder of anyone suspected of association with "subversives." Guilt or innocence is immaterial; the object is to exterminate: the opposition and, by-cowling sympathizers into submission, deprive the guerrillas of support. In the phraseology of Mao Tse-tung, the idea is to kill the fish by drying up the waters.

All this is part of a brutal military tradition handed down from the savage Spanish Conquistadors to the dictators and generals who have been a plague on the people ever since. Merciless atrocities are inseparable from Latin American warfare; combat casualties tend to be light. The 30,000 victims of the 1932 peasant uprising in El Salvador were exterminated in cold blood. So were the Indian population of Argentina and most of that country's recent "disappearances"; the 300,000 victims of the 1949-61 violence in Colombia; the 1 million dead of the Mexican revolution of 1910-28;

the countless unnamed victims of tyrants like Porfirio Diaz of Mexico, Juan Vicente Gomez of Venezuela, Rafael L. Trujillo of the Dominican Republic and the Somozas of Nicaragua. As for the rebels who surrender, one looks in vain for prisoner-of-war camps. Most are shot on the spot.

The brutality of military culture in the former Spanish colonies is almost inconceivable by Anglo-Saxon standards, and shows up at its worst in El Salvador and Guatemala. Latin America's military academies do not turn out Robert E. Lees, and few officers-and-gentlemen. Great emphasis is placed on ceremony and punctilio, but discipline is both slack and cruel and humaneness is regarded as weakness. High rank is often a license for racketeering — witness the drug-dealing generals of Bolivia. In their endless quest for "stability" south of the border, U.S. administrations repeatedly turn a blind eye to the rapacity and cruelty of the Latin American military. Not until 1961, however, was there direct complicity (as opposed to occasional direct interventions) by the U.S. government in aiding domestic repression in Latin America. In that year, under pressure from the Pentagon, the Latin American military role was changed from "hemispheric defense" to "internal security"; U.S. assistance programs were retooled to strengthen the hold of the local military forces over their own people.

For 20 years, the Pentagon has lavished training and equipment on the Latin American military, both at bases in the United States and at the U.S.

Army School of the Americas in the former Panama Canal Zone. Under guise of "civic-action" programs, Latin American officers have been encouraged to meddle in government and civilian affairs. There has been little screening to weed out the drug racketeers and war criminals, and no indoctrination in civilized standards of warfare. Senior officers indistinguishable from the war criminals hanged at Nuremberg after World War II have passed through the Inter-American Defense College in Washington. Neither in training programs nor thereafter does the Pentagon insist on compliance with the Geneva Conventions regarding humane treatment of prisoners and noncombatants. Equipment is given without strings.

For the United States, which led the crusade against Nazi evil, to support the methods of Heinrich Himmler's extermination squads is an outrage. It is also counterproductive. Unless mass killing stops, the tide of violence will inundate the whole of Central America.

Continued U.S. support of Mafia-like oligarchies and their uniformed gunmen is alienating the restive and increasingly vocal masses of Latin America. Not another cartridge or spare part should go to Central American military regimes until the atrocities stop. The U.S. should encourage others to take the road of democratic Costa Rica, the only heretofore stable country in Central America, to dismantle predatory military establishments and replace them with efficient gendarmeries under strict civilian control. (LAT)

ISRAEL'S ABSURD CLAIMS

The exaggerated claims made recently by Israel to support its actions in the occupied Arab territories have been so far-fetched that they would be funny — if it was not for the fact that due to their "comedy" numerous innocent persons are being persecuted and killed.

One of the most absurd claims was when the Zionists, in an attempt to justify their ouster of the mayors from the occupied territories (again) proclaimed that all the fired mayors were supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Such a statement is like saying in a democratic country that martial law has taken place and all public officials fired because they had the support of the people. Hopefully such nonsensical and stupid statements will in themselves reveal to the world's objective observers exactly what the Arab-Israeli conflict is about.

What this statement and the current occurrences in the occupied Arab lands mean is that Israel has decided to take several steps backward to where it originally was in the occupied lands and reinstitute total martial law and re-initiate tight, restrictive policies in which the legitimate residents and landowners no longer have any rights at all.

This conclusion can be reached from the continuation of the Israeli statement, which indicated that the ousted mayors would soon be replaced by more representative officials. When Israel makes such a statement that obviously means they will be replaced by officials who represent the Zionists.

Although this string of events and increasing violence in the occupied West Bank are difficult to watch and disgusting to hear about, they could have their better side. Such events and such unbelievable statements by Israel, even after all these years of occupation could finally show all dubious observers of the situation that, indeed, as the Arabs have said all along, the Zionists are not about to be stopped in their aggression or even slowed.

The relatively calm period of oppression which has occurred during the last several years was only a breathing period for the Israelis, a chance for them to re-evaluate their plans to continue aggressive actions within the Middle East. With the help of the United States, during this period Israel was also able to amass a gigantic arsenal of war machinery which they now feel is adequate to launch an all-out offensive on a number of vital fronts.

Now, perhaps, the world will see that the Zionists were biding their time in an effort to take full advantage of their "friends" in the West. Since that friendship now appears to be strained, they plan to go their own way, despite the rights or lives they destroy in order to attain their goals. From the Arab view, perhaps this latest aggression will help solidify the Arab nation toward one goal and to fortify itself for the aggressive action by Israel which is sure to follow.

Saudi Arabian press review

The outcome of Philippine President Marcos' talks with Saudi Arabian leaders and the brave resistance put up by the West Bank Palestinians against Israeli repression figured for editorial comment in Saturday's newspapers.

Al-Bilad noted the Saudi Arabian-Philippine talks reflected the Kingdom's deep concern about Muslim affairs worldwide. The paper said President Marcos' decision to implement the Tripoli agreement for solving the southern Philippines Muslim problem is the outcome of the Kingdom's successful efforts.

Al-Riyadh, **Al-Jazirah**, **Okaz** and **Al-Madinah** dealt with the Arab revolt in the West Bank and Gaza Strip against the Israeli occupation forces.

Al-Jazirah felt the U.S. sympathy with the Palestinian leaders in the West Bank has demonstrated an undeclared American rejection of the Israeli move for annexing the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Al-Madinah strongly criticized

the American policies which differ from one region to the other. "It is a constructive sign to note President Reagan's declaration of support to observe March 21 as a day of solidarity with the Muslims of Afghanistan. But it is deplorable to see the contradicting U.S. policy in the Middle East, although the Palestinian people are facing a similar situation of usurpation of their rights and lands by the Zionists," the paper said.

It wondered, "how can President Reagan convince the people in Afghanistan that he is sympathizing with them, while American weapons used by Israel are killing their brothers in Palestine?" **Okaz** called on the Arab states to extend every possible support and assistance to the Palestinian people in their just struggle against the aggressive Israeli enemy.

Al-Riyadh wrote, "The uprising comes at a time when the Arab world is trying to achieve complete unity in the absence of international efforts to solve the Palestinian problem." — (SPA)

West Europe seeks better dialogue with U.S. on widening rift

By Sidney Weiland

Western European political leaders, concerned by rising discord with the United States, are searching for improved forms of dialogue across the Atlantic. At the same time, they hope to give Europe a stronger, more unified voice in dealing with Washington on disputed key issues ranging from defense to trade relations.

West Germany has proposed more frequent NATO conferences so that strains can be detected before they build up. Italy favors a new institutionalized trans-Atlantic relationship, while France seeks to sharpen European defense cooperation. Whenever Western European leaders meet, there are calls for closer consultations with the United States.

The movement for a more effective dialogue has gathered force since President Reagan took office 14 months ago. It has gained a sharper edge as Europeans worry about the direction of U.S. policy in Central America and over snail's pace movement in arms negotiations, with both sides increasingly fretful over the other's view of world events.

Many European officials profess alarm over what they see as a tendency by the Reagan administration to view almost all issues, including El Salvador, the Middle East, and trade with the Soviet bloc in terms of East-West conflict.

Washington regards the West's response to martial law in Poland as flabby and ragged. The concern has spawned a series of initiatives in the last six months, all aimed at streamlining the dialogue and strengthening Western Europe's hand in dealing with Washington.

— West Germany and Italy have joined in proposing a solemn "European Act" to improve political and security cooperation among the 10 nations

of the European Economic Community (EEC). — Italy has pressed for a "formal instrument," a friendship pact between the EEC and the U.S. that would provide a basis for broader discussions on East-West relations, attitudes toward the Third World, and economic coordination.

— For the first time in the 25-year history of the EEC, Britain pushed through a plan for a small team of European diplomats to work jointly on foreign policy issues. The EEC's main purpose so far has been economic cooperation.

— West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has advocated that the 15 NATO foreign ministers meet four times a year instead of twice, and that two of the meetings should be informal, to allow for frank discussion.

— France has canvassed "revitalization" of the virtually moribund 27-year-old Western European Union to consider defense issues concerning Europe. This would mean the creation of a pressure group based on Western Europe's main military powers.

Except for the setting up of the small EEC foreign policy unit, all these ideas are still in the melting pot. They are likely to be increasingly aired in the run-up to two summit meetings planned for early June, the annual conference of seven major industrialized nations at Versailles and a NATO heads of government summit in Bonn.

Government officials have started work on a planned declaration on Atlantic cooperation to be adopted at the NATO summit, but say their ideas are still fluid.

Much will depend on contacts between Washington and European capitals over the next two months in efforts to smooth out what both sides call the jagged edges of their relationship.

While West European officials generally welcomed Reagan's election after four years of what

many regarded as confusing drift under President Carter, some are no longer so sure. West Germany is deeply worried over his stand on détente and anxious that arms talks may bog down, while most allies in Europe believe he has overstated the Communist threat on Central America, risking a further worsening of East-West relations.

Even Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government in Britain, despite its ideological affinity with Reagan, has taken a cautious stand on El Salvador and even on high U.S. interest rates, identified by other allies as a major problem.

European officials hope Reagan will use his visit to Europe to announce U.S. readiness to open negotiations with Moscow on limiting strategic nuclear weapons. They believe delay will fuel anti-nuclear sentiment both in Europe and the U.S. The U.S. administration says it is nearing the end of a long policy study on strategic arms.

Last year, Reagan bowed to European pressure and agreed to open talks with the Soviet Union on European-based missiles. The talks began last November but have made little progress. "If there is no agreement (in Geneva), I anticipate a grave political crisis in U.S.-European relations," former U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown said. Many Europeans fear the Geneva talks will mark time until parallel negotiations are opened on inter-continental missiles. There have been no U.S.-Soviet talks on strategic weapons since President Carter withdrew the SALT-II treaty from Senate debate following Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in 1979.

The West German government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has made it pointedly clear in private contacts with Washington that it remains firmly wedded to the twin policies of détente plus defense adopted by the NATO Alliance 15 years ago. "There are some voices in America now taking

a different line. Maybe, there is a need for some modification but basically the policy of 15 years is still the right one for us," a senior West German diplomat says.

French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson says there were "insurmountable differences" when a U.S. mission toured NATO capitals last week seeking a credit squeeze against the Soviet Union.

Despite these and other "misperceptions," Western Europe continues to look to the U.S. for its nuclear shield, and officials say they are not alarmed by occasional American calls for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe. But they are aware that such pressure could mount unless Atlantic friction is reduced. (R)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 28th, the 87th day of 1982. There are 278 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1507 — Genoa, Italy, capitulates to France's Louis XII.

1791 — Britain increases naval strength, fearing war with Russia over black Sea Port of Ochakov which was captured from the Turks.

1800 — Act of Union with England passes Irish parliament.

1938 — Japan installs puppet government of Chinese Republic at Nanking.

1939 — Madrid's surrender to Gen. Francisco Franco ends Spanish civil war.

1962 — Syrian army revolt fails; European secret army organization in Algeria proclaims all-out guerrilla warfare against French forces.

1965 — Earthquake strikes Chile, taking at least 428 lives.

1971 — West Pakistan's army puts down uprising in Dacca, East Pakistan, and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is reported taken into custody.

1975 — Twenty-four infants perish in flash fire in maternity ward of hospital in Rijeka, Yugoslavia.

1976 — World's population is estimated to have reached four billion, double the 1939 figure.

1979 — Worst nuclear accident in history occurs with chain of malfunctions and human errors at reactor on "Three Mile Island" in U.S. state of Pennsylvania.

1981 — White House officials say the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan will send high-level mission to Africa to promote Namibia independence from South Africa.

Thought for today:

"The heart is never neutral" — Earl of Shaftesbury, English statesman (1621-1683).

Spain's investment in Morocco irks France

By Ahmed Rashid

MADRID — Spain's largest investment ever in Moroccan industry has led to anger in Paris, where French businessmen are upset with King Hassan for not giving them the contract. When King Hassan paid a flying visit to Spain three weeks ago to meet his royal counterpart, King Juan Carlos, it was suspected that Morocco was anxious to influence the Spaniards to play a stronger political role in supporting Morocco's war with the Polisario Front in the Western Sahara.

Two weeks ago the Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca visited Morocco to attend the foundation stone-laying ceremony for a huge new sulfuric acid plant, in which the Spaniards have a 25-percent share. This will be the largest Spanish project in

Morocco to date and at the opening ceremony King Hassan made it clear that the door is now open for further Spanish investments. The plant, to be built 10 kms south of the port of El Jadida, will be built by a Spanish-Japanese consortium. The total project is worth \$200 million.

Controversy arose as it was widely tipped that a French company, Heurtey, would get the contract. But in a clear move to break the French monopoly over Morocco's heavy industry, King Hassan awarded the contract to the Spanish-Japanese consortium. This angered the French, who announced that they would not be selling any more arms to Morocco because of Rabat's delays in debt repayment. A senior French economic delegation due in Rabat also postponed its trip indefinitely.

Meanwhile, Spain is keen to reap the benefits from this windfall. In June there will be a big Spanish industrial exhibition in Casablanca, where Spain

will be trying to sell sophisticated technology, goods and services to the Moroccans. In return Morocco expects Spanish support for the Sahara war and to counter Libyan and Algerian influence in North Africa.

Spain, planning to become a member of NATO and the European Community, is, however, still experiencing troubles in stabilizing a democracy which is only six years old. At the moment the trial of the coup plotters is taking place in Madrid, and it is unlikely that Spain is about to make any diplomatic forays into North African politics.

On March 16 talks began between the two countries in making a new fishing agreement. Fishing off Morocco's Atlantic seaboard has been a bone of contention for some time. Spain, with the larger fleet, has been fishing in Moroccan waters and an old agreement, considered inadequate, is due to expire on March 30. — (ONS)

Part of Arab Islamic heritage

White marble or paint meets Jeddah painting requirement

By Maher Abbas

JEDDAH — Landlords in Jeddah have been given a year and a half deadline for now for all buildings to be painted in white. Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi told *Arab News*.

The interior of the house belongs to the owner, but the facade or front is seen by everybody, so the municipality has the right to draw the landlord's attention to any disfigurement of the latter part, the mayor said.

Landlords have been given the liberty to use white marble or paint, depending on their financial capacity. Also, no time limit is fixed for the renewal of painting, says the mayor. The decision that white should be the main characteristic of Jeddah followed a study on

the issue in the context of Jeddah's Master Plan as the western gate of the Arabian Peninsula and the pilgrims' entry point.

The studies showed that white colored buildings are no novelty here, white is one of the major characteristics of the Arab-Islamic architectural heritage of this country. Mayor Farsi pointed out. "We are not imitating anybody."

Once upon a time, one of the stable components of Islamic architecture was the combination of symbols and beauty. The Muslim artist usually expresses his soul by symbols resting on a variety of Arabic writing and colors, without human figures or sculpting any beings (as Islam is iconoclastic). Art works were most often in white, the artist using natural substances like marble and arti-

ficial ones like mosaic. Jeddah itself was once surrounded by a white wall. Its original inhabitants used a substance called "Noura" to paint their houses, unless they chose to leave their walls with the natural white of the "Kashour" stones with which they were built — Kashour being a white coral limestone brought in from Jeddah's coastal Al-Manqaba area.

Recently, Jeddah underwent an urbanization boom unprecedented in history. As a result of such development, it now covers a 350 square kilometer area. But such a rapid development caused many an architectural pattern to be imported by foreign engineers belonging to other cultures.

"At first, we were startled — which led to this mixture of architectural patterns and colors as could be seen here," Mayor Farsi said. "So we drew up a plan based on our heritage and history to face such an architectural onslaught. Our conclusion was that we should remedy what is there and, at the same time, see to it that any new buildings reflect the Islamic character."

"So we encouraged the use of 'Riyadh' stone," says the mayor, "to cover the facades. 'Riyadh' is a local material that can easily be obtained in the Kingdom, rather than using cement which led to these red, brown, yellow and sometimes black fronts."

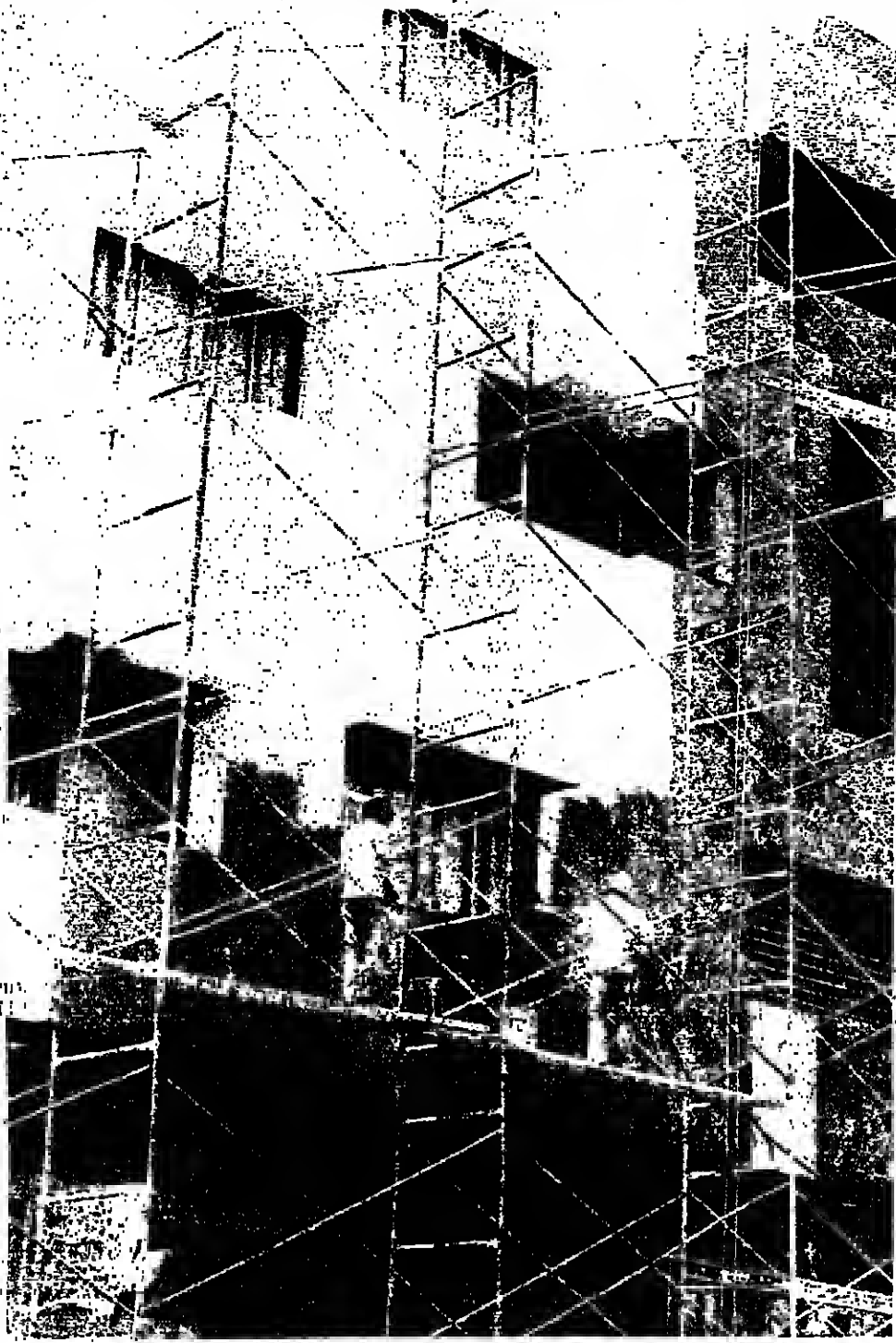
"We also encouraged the use of wooden Mashrabia," he said. "At the same time, we convinced those applying for new building licenses to revive our old Islamic design with, of course, the necessary modifications to catch up with modern development."

"In both cases white was the common denominator and the leitmotif for the artist when composing Jeddah's new symphony. Every architect has to play the theme with his own variations, depending on his feelings and capacity. And the plan has been successful as we now have in Jeddah outstanding modern Islamic architectural models whose designers have won international prizes for them."

All this proves, according to Farsi, that we did not copy anybody. But we know that many cities have chosen characteristic colors — and some of them white — but our choice emanated from our local cultural factors which, in turn, were the product of the available construction material in old Jeddah and best suited that city's hot and humid climate. Everybody knows that white reflects solar rays to keep the house cool from inside.

Likewise, the Arab Muslims of the villages of North Africa, who inherited a similar patrimony, and are still clear of the copying, imitation and importation trends are using white colors for their houses. The Arab ladies in these villages are keeping white paint in their homes to restore the color every time there is a sand or rainstorm. Now, in addition to white color, landlords in Jeddah will have to guarantee, before a building license is granted to them, that they will use brown for their doors and windows.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.



PAINTERS AT WORK: In another part of the city, painters are hard at work painting a large building white.

Ownership is disputed

Venezuela, Guyana claim same area

By Kenneth Freed

CARACAS, Venezuela (LAT) — It seems at first blush like another of those interminable border disputes that pop up like crab grass in South America, another insignificant argument over control of some insect-ridden strip of jungle.

Even after further consideration, this controversy between Venezuela and Guyana seems to involve little more than a problem of nationalistic sensitivities with a vague if historically interesting background of big-power imperialism.

Yet the dispute goes well beyond historical argument and national honor. It involves what could be huge amounts of money and perhaps the very existence of Guyana.

For the last 12 years the issue has been dormant, put aside by mutual agreement. But that agreement expires in June and the two governments are expected to go at it again with all the old fury.

At issue is 62,500 square miles of jungle, an area larger than Greece, called the Essequibo Region for the river that borders the area on the east.

It is largely unexplored jungle, inhabited by a handful of Indians. Although claimed by Venezuela for 160 years, it has been accepted since 1899, under international law, as part of what is now Guyana.

In fact, it comprises more than half of Guyana and is at the center of that oil-starved country's hopes for achieving energy independence.

While it may seem that Venezuela, a rich and relatively large country of 12 million people, is picking on Guyana, a small, weak, poverty-stricken country of about 830,000 people, the record gives Venezuela some support.

Throughout the time of the Spanish empire, and after Venezuela was granted independence in 1821, the border with Guyana, then the crown colony of British Guiana, was the Essequibo River. But Venezuela, torn by internal strife, was too weak to police the area.

British settlers began moving across the river in search of gold, claiming more and more of the area.

By the 1890s, the British claimed a region that extended well into Venezuela, to near

the Orinoco River, and had sent out a fleet to enforce the claim.

At that point, President McKinley invoked the Monroe Doctrine, which serves notice that the United States will regard as unfriendly any European action considered to be interference in Western hemisphere affairs.

Under the threat of war with the United States, Britain agreed to international arbitration.

A five-man tribunal was formed, consisting of two U.S. supreme court justices, two British justices and a Russian, the presiding member. Either because internal disputes kept them away, or because they were not invited — the record does not make it clear — no Venezuelans participated. A team of four American lawyers headed by former President Harrison argued on behalf of the Caracas government.

The tribunal's decision, in 1899, was a clear British victory. Although Britain dropped its claim to the Orinoco River basin, it was awarded much of the area in dispute.

"There is no doubt of what happened,"

said Venezuelan Foreign Ministry official who asked that his name not be used. "The imperialist powers carved up the area because we were too weak to defend ourselves. They wouldn't even let us speak for ourselves in the arbitration. We were victims."

Although the Venezuelans did not forget the issue, it lay dormant for nearly 50 years, until an incident occurred that set the stage for the current Venezuelan effort.

In 1949, shortly before he died, an American lawyer named Severo Mallet-Prevost, a junior assistant to the Harrison legal team, wrote a letter on behalf of Venezuela. In it he said that the British members of the arbitration panel had struck a secret deal with the presiding Russian jurist to give most of the disputed area to Britain.

All the members of the tribunal were dead by then, and efforts to verify Mallet-Prevost's allegations were futile. But Venezuela used the letter to revive its claim. It has pressed particularly hard since British Guiana became the independent country of Guyana in 1966.

Park prepares for Indian rhinos

LAKHIMPUR KHERI, Uttar Pradesh (PTI) — Hectic preparations are underway in the Dudhwa National Park in the Northern State of Uttar Pradesh to receive the first group of one-horn great Indian rhinoceros which once roamed freely in the grasslands of the Indo-Gangetic plains but were decimated centuries ago due to human greed and thoughtlessness.

To begin with, six Rhinos are expected to be inducted to the Park shortly in an attempt to make them reclaim their rightful place in the home of their ancestors.

A plan with an initial investment of over \$120,000 is in the final stage of implementation and 24 different varieties of plants for the new inmates are being grown in a natural manner in Dudhwa and Kaziranga National Parks.

Only a few hundred one-horn great Indian rhinoceros still survive in the forests of northeast India. Their main stronghold is the Kaziranga National Park of Assam.

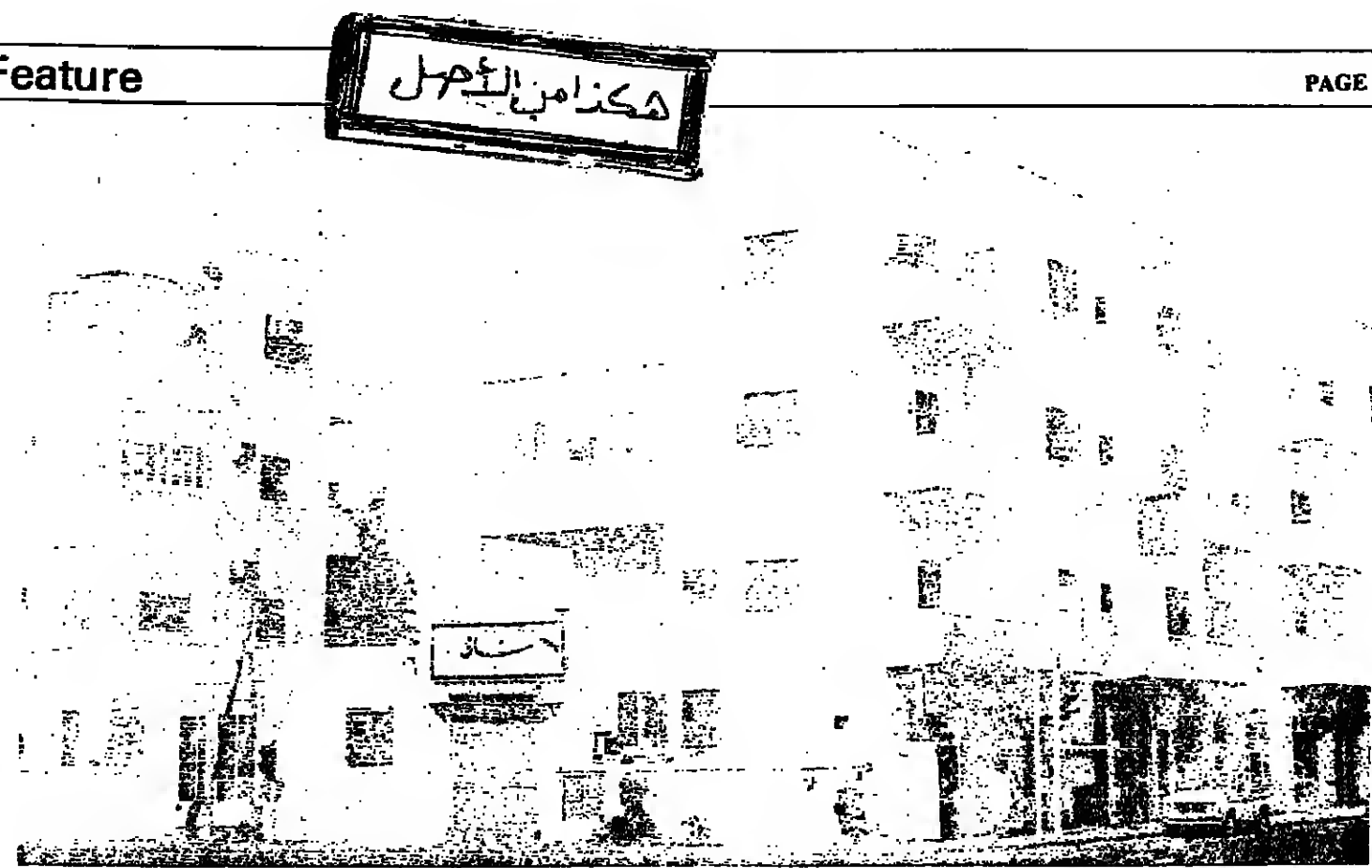
Their dwindling population was brought into sharp focus some time back by natural-

ists and ecologists all over the world who expressed their worry about the concentration of this rare and ancient creatures of the Indian soil in Kaziranga National Park. They appealed to the Indian prime minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to provide another home for these Rhinos, in order to guard against the possibility of a single stroke of natural calamity wiping this species off the face of the earth.

The prime minister responded favorably to this request and immediately appointed a committee to select a second home land for this wild animal.

The main contenders for this distinguished honor were the states of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. The committee headed by Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) experts went through all the probable national parks and sanctuaries and found Dudhwa National Park as the most suitable and ecologically viable place.

The prime minister herself named this park as the second homeland in 1981, which was celebrated as International Rhino year all over the world.



PAINTING COMPLETED: These two apartment buildings in Jeddah have already been painted white to meet the new requirements established by the municipality.

Check-ups, consultations are offered under hospital clinic 'subscriptions'

By Devadas Kini

RIYADH — A new health care concept began here six months ago when Green Crescent Clinic, a new private hospital was opened by Green Crescent Health Services of Riyadh. It seeks to provide a comprehensive and integrated health care system with specialists on an annual membership basis.

Dr. Wael Buraik, president of Green Crescent Service told *Arab News* the idea of such a clinic is the crystallization of two years of careful thinking on the need for out-patient medical services for the citizens of Riyadh. Free but limited government hospital services are available in Riyadh along with some private hospitals, besides many clinics and practitioners none of them complete or comprehensive.

"We provide," he said, "a full scope medical specialization supported with extensive diagnostic measures for our members with personalized medical care."

There are three types of membership. General physical check-up and two consultations are available for an annual membership fee of SR300. For SR600, the clinic provides chest X-ray and blood, urine and stool test apart from general physical check-up and two consultations. Under the family discount plan, while the father has to pay SR1,200, wife and two children have to pay only SR1,000 and SR900 each for a comprehensive medical check-up which includes internal medicine, eye specialist, ENT (ear, nose and throat), dentist, chest X-ray, panoramic X-ray of the full mouth, ECG (electrocardiogram), blood, urine, stool, blood sugar and liver function tests.

House call availability, medical attention outside clinic hours, 24-hour emergency service, medical referral and evacuation plan (internationally) and ambulance service including air ambulance are some of the other facilities available to subscribers.

According to Buraik already there are about 10,000 members of various categories in addition to group membership which covers preventive medicine, diagnostic and treatment facilities to employees of companies. Since August 1981, some 21,000

out-patients have been treated at the clinic and the number is increasing every month. For the last two months it has been around 4,000 per month.

"During the first three months we were testing the procedures," Buraik said, "and we are really functioning since the last four months." The clinic can accommodate 660 out-patients per day and about 15,000 per month.

The clinic has 15 physicians covering all modern diagnostic and treatment facilities in obstetrics, gynaecology, paediatrics, cardiology, dermatology and venereology, urology, pathology, radiology, dentistry, ENT, ophthalmology, orthopedic and physiotherapy.

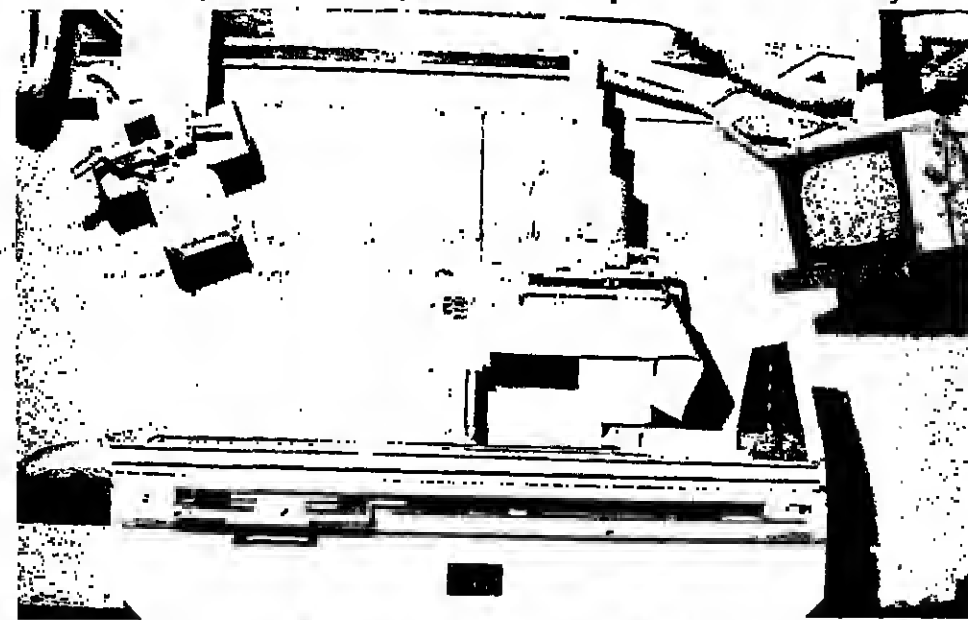
Buraik said 95 percent of hospital patients require out-patient treatment and the remaining 5 percent need hospitalization. While hospitalization requirements are being met to a large extent, out-patients are often neglected. He hopes to fill this gap with more such clinics all over the Kingdom.

Asked about provisions for in-patient

facilities in the clinic, he said, he has requested a licence for 40 beds from the Ministry of Health. He said the clinic will concentrate on short-stay procedures and day surgery to reach more patients to reduce the load on the existing hospitals. But the focus of attention will be on the out-patients, he added.

The clinic has modern equipment like computerized tomography which enables the systematic investigation of the patient's entire body providing early detection of diseases, especially dreaded ones like cancer. Another type of equipment, ultra-sound, provides instant monitoring of the progress of unborn babies.

The hospital has experienced doctors on its staff like Dr. Issam Saeb who is a specialist in internal medicine, cardiology and gastroenterology. He joined the clinic a few months ago after six years of teaching internal medicine for the final year students in the University of Nice in West Germany.



OPERATION ROOM: Riyadh's Green Crescent Clinic features modern equipment and is well staffed. The clinic opened six months ago and is reported to be well accepted.

'Fairmania' runs rampant

May 1 exposition excites Knoxville, residents debate benefits, drawbacks

By Morris S. Thompson

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (WP) — Mayor Randy Tyree concedes that he and his city would have been deeply embarrassed if plans for the World's Fair collapsed.

Now, after six years of local controversy and political wheeling-and-dealing that included direct intervention by then president Jimmy Carter, the Knoxville International Energy Exposition evidently will open May 1 as planned and pretty much as billed. Tyree says that means great things for Knoxville's future, but to some other Knoxvilleans the prospect of success seems to be precisely the problem. As one pessimist, Bill Simmons, put it, "the rich'll get richer, and the poor'll get in traffic jams."

As the dogwoods and azaleas sprout their first buds, there's certainly no dearth of opinions about what effect the fair will have. The best answer so far seems to be, no one really knows.

Among the benefits — a phrase often heard in the local debate — some predict that entertainment at the fair, including the Boston Ballet and several symphony orchestras, will bring about a lasting revolution in the cultural expectations of the city that now bills itself as the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains, 40 miles to the east.

On the tangible side, boosters talk of thousands of new jobs, four handsome new hotels that have recently opened and a new, 100,000-square-foot building that will serve as a convention center.

Some residents worry about the ability of this area to avoid something like Manhattan's infamous gridlock if the official prediction of 5.7 million visitors during the fair's 184 days comes true.

But instead of worries about Knoxville after or during the deluge, the hottest issue hereabouts just now is probably evictions from apartments in hopes of renting them to big-spending fair visitors. Fair officials insist that there'll be enough room in some inn for all.

Still, about 1,000 people have been turned out since mid-January in Knoxville alone, and the pace may be accelerating and reaching farther afield. In this city of 175,000,

displacing even 1,000 people is comparable to evicting 40,000 people in New York City.

One recent weekend, local television paraded the sight of a woman in her 80s in a wheelchair and an elderly man with emphysema who got a two-day notice of eviction from a trailer park. The next night, about 800 people packed a city council meeting on six competing proposals to deal with the problem. What emerged is a measure that would both permit apartments and rooms in private homes to be rented on a nightly basis an enable planning officials to deny such permission to those who evict "unfairly."

But Mark Siegal, 26, who heads an ad-hoc group called Tenants for Fair Housing, complains that putting on the tenants the burden of proving unfairness would make the ordinance meaningless, even if it wins final approval. "Some people are finding themselves priced out of the Knoxville market altogether," Siegal said. "People who aren't getting evicted are in many cases facing rent increases of 75 to 100 percent."

A typical increase for a two-bedroom apartment is from \$185 a month to \$375 a month, he said, a sizable sum for many in this land of comparatively low living costs — and low wages. One aging downtown hotel reputedly frequented by men down on their luck, recently evicted all of its residents, repainted the rooms and posted fair-season prices of \$60 a night. Some apartment owners are trying for \$110 a night.

Helen Simpson, 65, a Knoxville secretary who moved to rural, adjacent Blount County from New York 20 years ago, complains that this city is "too goddamned small" to accommodate the expected influx. "There's a few wealthy people that saw a chance to make a killing," she said, "and they're the only ones who are going to."

S.H. "Bo" Roberts, executive director of the fair, says she's wrong. He predicts that 20,000 new jobs will be created in Knoxville as a result of the fair and that 10,000 to 12,000 will be permanent, mostly in new hotels and restaurants. He says that 4,000 or so jobs came from building those hotels and restaurants, as well as the 15 exhibit buildings for the 22 foreign countries and the improvements in a formerly snarled

interstate-highway system that was reviled as "malfunction junction." The fair, he says, will have an overall economic impact on Knoxville of about \$500 million.

Mayor Tyree agrees, noting that Knoxville's unemployment rate of about 7.6 percent is nearly five percentage points below the state average. Will the fair make money only for the rich? "You'll never convince the folks that are taking home the paycheck that would either be on welfare or out combing the country for jobs in an economy with unemployment the highest it's been since the depression," he said. "Sure, the people who have been willing to risk large sums of money are going to make money — and they deserve to."

The largest local investors are Jake Butcher and the United American banks that his family controls, the area's largest banking group. Democratic nominee for state governor in 1978, Butcher also was an early and important financial backer of Carter's 1976 White House bid. The connection paid off in 1978 when then-Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia Harris sent a memo to Carter saying Knoxville probably wouldn't get a \$13.8 million grant for the fair because not enough private money had been committed, community complaints hadn't been resolved and Knoxville wasn't needy enough, ranking 267 on a list of 300 "distressed" U.S. cities. Carter scribbled across the top, "no need for meeting with me. Just let Tennessee people know about problems and help them comply with requirements." Knoxville got the grant.

Tyree, 42, a Democrat who says he'll probably announce for governor soon says it has been "very helpful" that one of Tennessee's senators is a Democrat, the other a Republican. That other senator is Majority Leader Howard Baker, a resident of Huntsville, about 40 miles away. His office recently announced that President Reagan will be on hand for the fair's opening day.

Dick Rogers, the fair's housing director, reports that hotels in Asheville, N.C., about 100 miles to the east, are getting fair bookings. And in Jonesboro, John Bettis said, "they're evicting the people around here, too." Jonesboro is 90 miles away.

Businessmen use 3rd World communications gap as 'opportunity' to sell S.Korea tainted salmon

By Jay Mathews

SAN FRANCISCO (LAT) — Three million cases of canned salmon withheld from sale while the fish is inspected for possible botulism contamination may be sold to South Korean supermarkets, according to Alaskan officials and businessmen.

The salmon, including the product of two Alaskan canneries that the federal government recently recalled, is worth about \$150 million and represents about 65 percent of last year's production in Alaska.

Alaskan officials say the salmon, or at least a substantial amount of it, must be sold to avert a devastating blow to the state's key fishing industry, which expects a record catch this year.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials are attempting to inspect and clear the cans for export, but the widely publicized death in early February of a Belgian man who had eaten from one can has crippled sales in Europe, a principal market for the canned fish.

Alaskan state Sen. Mike Colletta, a Republican from Anchorage, said recently he had contacted some South Korean businessmen

interested in negotiating purchase of the salmon.

An embargo against the salmon in three European countries, and widespread publicity on the continent means Europeans "are going to be skittish," Colletta said, "but Third World countries, because communications are less efficient, are not frightened by it."

Eric Eckholm, executive director of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, called the proposed sale to Korea "an excellent idea."

The \$300 million Alaska salmon industry harvested 110 million fish last year and expects to catch 135 million this year, which will create a sharp drop in prices unless last year's product is sold.

South Korean consumers are accustomed to buying fresh or frozen, but not canned, salmon, "so this would be an excellent opportunity for us to develop a new market," Colletta said.

He suggested food experts at Alaskan universities create special recipes to encourage South Korean housewives to use the unfamiliar product.

Colletta has asked Alaskan Gov. Jay M. Hammond to help persuade the South Korean government to allow importation of the canned salmon.

Hammond has offered to go to Great Britain to argue against the continued embargo of Alaskan canned salmon by Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands, and has recommended suspending the state raw fish tax and increasing state loans to the fishing industry.

Hammond's adviser on international fishery, Clem Tillion, has charged the Europeans with using the botulism scare to cut off Pacific salmon sales and thus protect their Atlantic salmon industry.

After the death of the Belgian man, who had eaten from a 7 3/4-ounce can of Alaskan salmon, the salmon industry agreed to a federal verification plan in which consumers were warned to check 7 3/4-ounce cans and return any that appeared to have been perforated.

All cans from one plant, Nesco Fidalgo of Ketchikan, Alaska, were recalled, followed by the recall of cans from two more plants to which federal officials had traced perforated cans.

Roger Coleman, spokesman for the National Food Processing Association in Washington, said so far 21 perforated cans have been discovered but none contained the botulism spores, which can enter the food through such openings and create the potentially fatal toxin.

Coleman said the problem had been traced to a faulty can-shaping machine at the Ketchikan plant, one of 58 packing plants in Alaska. The two plants whose cans were recalled are in Cordova and Egegik.

Coleman said more than half of the three million cases, holding a total of 144 million cans, had been inspected at the Seattle warehouses where they are being kept.

Only 7 3/4-ounce cans are subject to the verification program.

"We've got to save this salmon pack; we've got no industry if we don't," said Colletta, who sells janitorial and maintenance and supply equipment for a living. "And the only way we're going to rid of those fish is by knocking door-to-door and unloading it, if necessary, case by case."

He said that although the potential Korean customers would probably pay less than the canned salmon's original selling price, the price would still be better than the sellers would get if they dumped the product on the market in desperation.

Another Look

Cigarettes don't kill people?

By Robert Yoakum

Did the tobacco industry know that the Surgeon General of the U.S. was going to release a report saying that cigarette smoking was "the chief preventable cause of death in our society"?

Perhaps not, but almost simultaneously the Tobacco Institute, which represents the cigarette manufacturers, launched a \$6 million advertising campaign designed to keep people from kicking the lethal habit. The ads offered a free booklet entitled "Answers to the most asked questions about cigarettes."

It may be significant that at the time the ads appeared the booklets weren't yet printed. Anyway, the ad men know that most smokers won't send for the booklet, but they will think, "Aha, there are answers!" and light up a cigarette in relief.

Since the booklet isn't ready as this is written, I decided to guess the most asked questions about cigarettes and the answers:

What is the Tobacco Institute?

The Tobacco Institute was founded by altruistic American businessmen who want the public to have the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about an industry that plays a crucial role in our free enterprise economy.

For example, the Institute helps fend off big Government zealots who would deprive tobacco growers of their government subsidies.

Does the Tobacco Institute believe that the Federal Government should tell citizens how to behave in their private lives?

No, it certainly doesn't! When Uncle Sam gets involved in telling us whether we should smoke, we aren't far from the day when he will tell us how to eat, drink, and so forth. Telling people not to smoke is the first step toward totalitarian communism, or worse.

Some critics of the tobacco industry say that cigarettes can injure a smoker's health. Is this true?

Of course they say that! The campaign against cigarettes has been ruthless and unrelenting. Enemies of the tobacco industry have stooped to sensationalism and even

to putting pressure on our duly elected representatives in Washington!

Is it true that under certain circumstances cigarettes can actually be good for you?

Yes, it is true that under certain circumstances cigarettes can actually be good for you. For example, let's say that you are standing before a firing squad and, as is the custom in some countries, you are offered a last cigarette before the order, "Ready, aim, fire!" Smoking that cigarette staves off the execution awhile, during which you might be rescued.

Following the recent report of the Surgeon General on the subject of smoking, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute said that "the question is still open" as to whether cigarettes can be harmful. What does that mean?

It means that the Surgeon General, backed by a handful of anti-smoking fanatics — some of whom are reported to have large holdings in the chewing gum industry — has one view, and that the Tobacco Institute, backed by legions of reputable scientists, conducting impartial laboratory studies, has a different view.

What does the latest research show about the effect of cigarette smoke on nonsmokers?

It shows that the effect ranges from insignificant to highly beneficial. Institute scientists have established, for example, that there is almost no "pollution" involved when a smoker and nonsmoker are sitting five feet apart (the average distance for picnickers) in an open field when the wind is blowing at ten miles per hour.

Can giving up cigarettes be harmful to one's health?

It certainly can! Dr. Eric Paregoric of the famed Jesse Helms Research Center in North Carolina has documented thousands of cases of smokers who, within two weeks of quitting, suffered bodily injuries, inflicted bodily injuries, were divorced, or lost their jobs — or all four!

Do you have other questions about cigarettes? Write the Tobacco Institute and get the straight story. Remember: Cigarettes don't kill people! People kill people!

Wednesday, March 31
Apology expert at a cabinet meeting

DIET PILLS

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I am 38 and fat. Some years ago, both of my parents had a similar problem. But, they had help in reducing which isn't available to me.

Their doctor prescribed amphetamine pills which decreased their appetite and made dieting easy. This medicine acted as a cane to lean on when their will power weakened. It reduced their appetite. This made it easier to lose weight.

I've asked my doctor to prescribe amphetamines. He refuses. When I asked him why, he said amphetamines can be habit-forming and harmful.

Besides, a new law forbids their use except for patients who suffer from narcolepsy (a constant desire to sleep). They are also allowed for children who are hyperkinetic and have difficulty at school and at home.

I wonder how you feel about it. What's wrong with taking diet pills for weight-loss? — Mrs. Z.

Dear Mrs. Z: We go along with your doctor. Amphetamines are potentially dangerous.

I'm sure you've been reading about the bad effects of taking "speed" and "wake-up" pills. There are other appetite-suppressant drugs available. They are less potent and effective than amphetamines. Nevertheless, they may help. Ask your doctor about them.

Amphetamines came into use in the mid 1930's. Not only for the treatment of narcolepsy, they were used for patients who were depressed and complained of fatigue. Amphetamines gave them a temporary boost.

But, soon they were misused and several deaths resulted. Their use is now generally restricted by law. Strong motivation and desire to lose are still the most important ingredients for successful weight reduction. Mrs. Z. Behavior modification techniques are sometimes

helpful. Choosing when and where and how to eat are important. Some people lose weight simply by eating more slowly.

Some have tried hypnosis, which is usually unsuccessful. (It works better to rid patients of such habits as nail-biting, stuttering and smoking).

You'll be better off limping along those first few dieting weeks without any help other than your own strong motivation to lose. Mrs. Z. In the long run, diet pills harm rather than help.

MEDICAL LETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: This letter is directed at those who won't wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle. Dear Cycle Riders: This summer, a boy was goofing around with a friend's motorcycle without a helmet. Suddenly, he lost control and he hit a guard rail. He flew 60 feet onto the pavement.

Friends came running to help. But, what could they do? They ran to the nearest fire department for an ambulance.

The boy, who was only 16 at the time, was in intensive care for over a week in a coma. During this time, he had his seventeenth birthday. (How would you feel spending your birthday in a coma?) Throughout the week in intensive care, four other cyclists, all under the age of 20, were admitted to the unit. Two of them died.

After three weeks, he was released from the hospital. But succeeding weeks became a ritual of hospital trips for therapy checkups, minor surgery, etc. The injuries never healed completely. Four months later, he died. Don't be so sure it couldn't happen to you! — Miss M.

Tomorrow: Agoraphobia turns life from sweet to sour

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Viets admit errors, propose party purge

HANOI, March 27 (AFP) — Vietnamese leaders Saturday admitted mistakes in managing the country's economy and party chief Le Duan announced a forthcoming purge of the Communist Party "with a view to keeping the party's ranks pure." Party leaders also pledged a "new impetus" in efforts to resolve problems.

Addressing the fifth party congress, which

June 30 to get extra second

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) — Some days pass quickly and others seem longer, but it won't just feel that way on June 30 — that will be the longest day of the year.

That's the word from the U.S. Naval Observatory, official arbiter of the United States' time, which reports that a "leap second" will be added on that day. The minute that begins at 7:59 p.m. EDT (0059 GMT) June 30 will be 61 seconds long, reports Dennis McCarthy of the observatory.

This is done, he explained, because of changes in the rate of rotation of the earth. The earth isn't turning at a constant rate, but the atomic clocks used to keep time are running at a uniform rate. That means the clocks get out of step with the earth unless adjustments are made from time to time, McCarthy said.

Currently the earth is slowing slightly, losing twenty-two-thousandths of a second per day, he said. So the extra second has to be added. A leap second was also added on June 30, 1981, he said.

These adjustments may seem small, observatory officials said, but they are extremely important to precise navigation systems which use the atomic clock time.

opened in Hanoi Saturday. Le Duan said that once the meeting had ended the party would, "as soon as possible," weed out "opportunists, persons with paralyzed revolutionary will, exploiters, traffickers, speculators, embezzlers, bribe-takers, bullies."

Le Duan's political report to the congress acknowledged that the Vietnamese economy was beset by "serious imbalances" and that the previous five-year plan had failed to reduce gaps in revenues and expenses, production and demand, trade, energy supplies, consumer supplies, transport and communication.

But, he recalled, "the devastating effects of prolonged wars" were to blame for many "critical problems." These were added to the "shortcomings and mistakes of the party and state agencies, from national down to grass roots levels, in economic leadership and management."

Vietnam's successes, Le Duan said, were "inseparably linked" with the aid and cooperation received from the Soviet Union as well as with the "special solidarity" of Laos and Cambodia and support from other Socialist countries. He suggested that an unrealistic and conservative approach to issues and bureaucracy were responsible for some of the country's continuing problems.

Fifty foreign delegations and 1,033 delegates heard Le Duan's report following an inaugural address by chief of state Truong Chinh. Among the guests were Soviet delegation chief Mikhail Gorbachev and Laotian Communist Party Secretary-General Kayson Phommavanh, seated on the right and left, respectively, of Le Duan, who held the place of honor. Cambodia's pro-Hanoi government chief, Heng Samrin, was also on the dais.

Denouncing China's "expansionist aims," Le Duan said Chinese reactionaries were trying to weaken Vietnam in order to invade it.

BRIEFS

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) — The birth in South Africa of a crown prince for Communist-ruled Albania was announced here Friday in a press release stamped with the former royal coat of arms of the isolated East European state. The communiqué said the baby boy was born here Thursday to King Leka I of the Albanians and Queen Susan.

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Security police released eight persons, who were detained without charge of up to six months, under South Africa's sweeping security laws, police said Saturday. Among those released Friday and Saturday was Elizabeth Floyd, the

girlfriend of labor organizer Neil Aggett who died in detention on Feb. 5.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Brajesh Mishra, once India's chief delegate here, on Friday was named U.N. commissioner for Namibia, or Southwest Africa, to succeed Martti Ahtisaari of Finland, who has had the post since the beginning of 1977.

LA PAZ (AFP) Six persons were killed and 11 wounded Friday in Cochabamba, central Bolivia, when snipers allegedly belonging to rightist paramilitary groups opened fire on a demonstration to protest government economic policy.

Retaliation against Soviets possible

America stages nuclear war game

WASHINGTON, March 27 (R) — The United States staged a nuclear war game this month to help President Ronald Reagan gauge how well the U.S. command system could withstand an atomic attack, a former official who took part in the exercise said Friday.

An account of the exercise in Friday's *Wall Street Journal* said Reagan and others who observed the exercise concluded the president and his designated successors could function long enough to retaliate against a Soviet attack 250,000 times more powerful than the atomic bomb that devastated Hiroshima.

The Pentagon referred all questions to the White House, which would neither confirm nor deny the *Journal's* account or even say whether the exercise was carried out. The ex-official who spoke to Reuters would not discuss details. He said participants, including other ex-officials who acted out the roles of the president and other top leaders, vowed not to reveal details.

But other sources connected with the

exercise said former Secretary of State William Rogers played the role of president and former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director Richard Helms that of the vice president.

In the exercise, as recounted by the *Journal*, the "president" was confronted with a mock attack by the Soviet Union against Western nations. The exercise had a worst-case scenario in which a 5,000-megaton nuclear strike was carried out against the United States.

On the fourth day of the exercise, the "president" was killed when hundreds of missiles hit the United States. Earlier in the "war" the "president" was faced with an atomic attack against a U.S. ship and with a nerve gas attack on U.S. troops overseas. He responded by giving permission to release tactical nuclear weapons for use against the attacking forces.

Other participants in the exercise, said to involve more than 1,000 officials, responded to a supposed attack on U.S. surveillance satellites by pretending to

order replacements launched into space.

Code-named "Ivy League", the exercise was in part a test of new procedures involving airborne command jets from which the president and his successors in theory could direct nuclear retaliation from the skies, the *Journal* said.

The office of president passed to several officials as each successor was "killed off," the newspaper said. The exercise reflected increasing concern among U.S. officials about the ability of the U.S. command network to survive very long in the face of an atomic attack.

Reagan has ordered a multibillion-dollar, five-year program to improve the system, including money to improve command jets.

According to one U.S. official, the exercise pointed up serious shortcomings in civil defense preparations. "That shouldn't be surprising," a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency told Reuters. He said the agency was badly in need of money and was asking Congress for about \$3.5 billion over the next seven years.

American girl, 6, to stand jury trial

GAINESVILLE, Florida, March 27 (R) — A six-year-old girl has been ordered to stand trial before a jury in an adult court on a charge of aggravated assault — she is said to have hit her school friend across the face with a stick.

Judge R.A. Green ordered the jury trial Friday for Nancy Jo Burch at the request of her defense lawyer. Under Florida law any defendant is entitled to a jury trial on request. If found guilty Nancy could, in theory, face up to 15 years in jail and a fine of \$10,000.

Officials involved in the case said Nancy and her seven-year-old friend were apparently friends again after their squabble at a bus stop on Feb. 4. But the parents of the victim, seven-year-old Shirley Nickolls, insisted that "justice be done."

Judge Green did not set a date for the trial. On Tuesday, in a juvenile court hearing, Green rejected a defense appeal that the charge be dismissed because a six-year-old could not understand what it meant to commit a crime.

China re-educating 20m party men

PEKING, March 27 (AP) — In a historic political housecleaning, China is re-educating 20 million Communist Party members who joined during the Cultural Revolution and will purge and punish those who commit crimes. Chinese sources said Saturday.

The sources, briefed on party affairs, said the re-education of 20 million of the 39 million party members is being conducted alongside the streamlining of the government bureaucracy of 20 million.

Cleaning and revamping the Communist Party is no less important and vital than reorganizing the government, said the sources, who asked not to be identified. They said the pragmatic leadership of Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping finally has been able to begin cleansing the party of opponents, incompetents, remnants of the radical "gang of four" and those who rose during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

In late 1980, they said, the party had planned to re-examine the credentials of all party members who joined during the Cultural Revolution and expel those who were unfit

but political opposition was too great at that time.

The current re-education began about a month ago and no time limit has been set. It will require one to six months for each person and will be carried out by the member's unit or work place. Some may be sent to party schools.

The re-education will take the form of intense political study, discussion, reading party policy and important documents. No one will be banished to the countryside, but party members who have engaged in illegal activities and committed economic crimes will be dismissed from the party and punished more severely than ordinary citizens, they said. Higher party officials and members of the party disciplinary commission will be punished even more severely, they said.

Most of those being re-educated have not received a high school education and are uneducated about party history, principles and discipline and most belong to the younger generation who joined the party as red guards, they said. Many joined the most radical factions and denounced and replaced veteran party members.

Oscar entry makes Polish rulers jittery

HOLLYWOOD, March 27 (AP) — Poland's *Man of Iron*, which is among the contenders for the year's Oscar at Monday night's academy awards, reportedly is giving the Polish government a case of pre-Oscar jitters. And it's not that Polish officials are afraid of losing the race for the coveted statuette, but because they apparently fear the film about the birth of Poland's Solidarity union movement may prove politically embarrassing by winning.

The Polish government, which asked the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences last month to withdraw the film from competition after it already had been nominated, now may not allow the film's director Andrzej Wajda, to attend the Oscar ceremony in Los Angeles.

"We have never been officially notified. Certainly we hope he can make it," academy spokesman Don Morgan said Friday. Morgan said there also had been no indication Poland would attend the Oscar ceremonies.

A recent report in the entertainment newspaper, *Daily Variety*, said the Polish military government had asked Wajda, Poland's leading filmmaker, not to attend the Oscar awards. The newspaper said Wajda early this month suddenly had returned to Poland from Paris where he was working on a new film.

Wajda returned home when Polish authorities refused to allow a key member of his production team to go to France for the filming, the newspaper said. In exchange for granting his crew member an exit visa, Polish officials reportedly told Wajda he would have to forgo the Oscar ceremonies.

Polish authorities, the sources said, apparently were worried that *Man of Iron*, the 1981 Grand Prix winner at the prestigious Cannes film festival, might win the best Oscar and throw an unwanted light on the political turmoil in Poland that led to a military crackdown late last year.

In a telegram in late February to academy president Faye Kamin, the head of Poland's state-controlled filmmaking arm, Film Polski, had asked the film be withdrawn "due to the increasing anti-Polish campaign in the United States."

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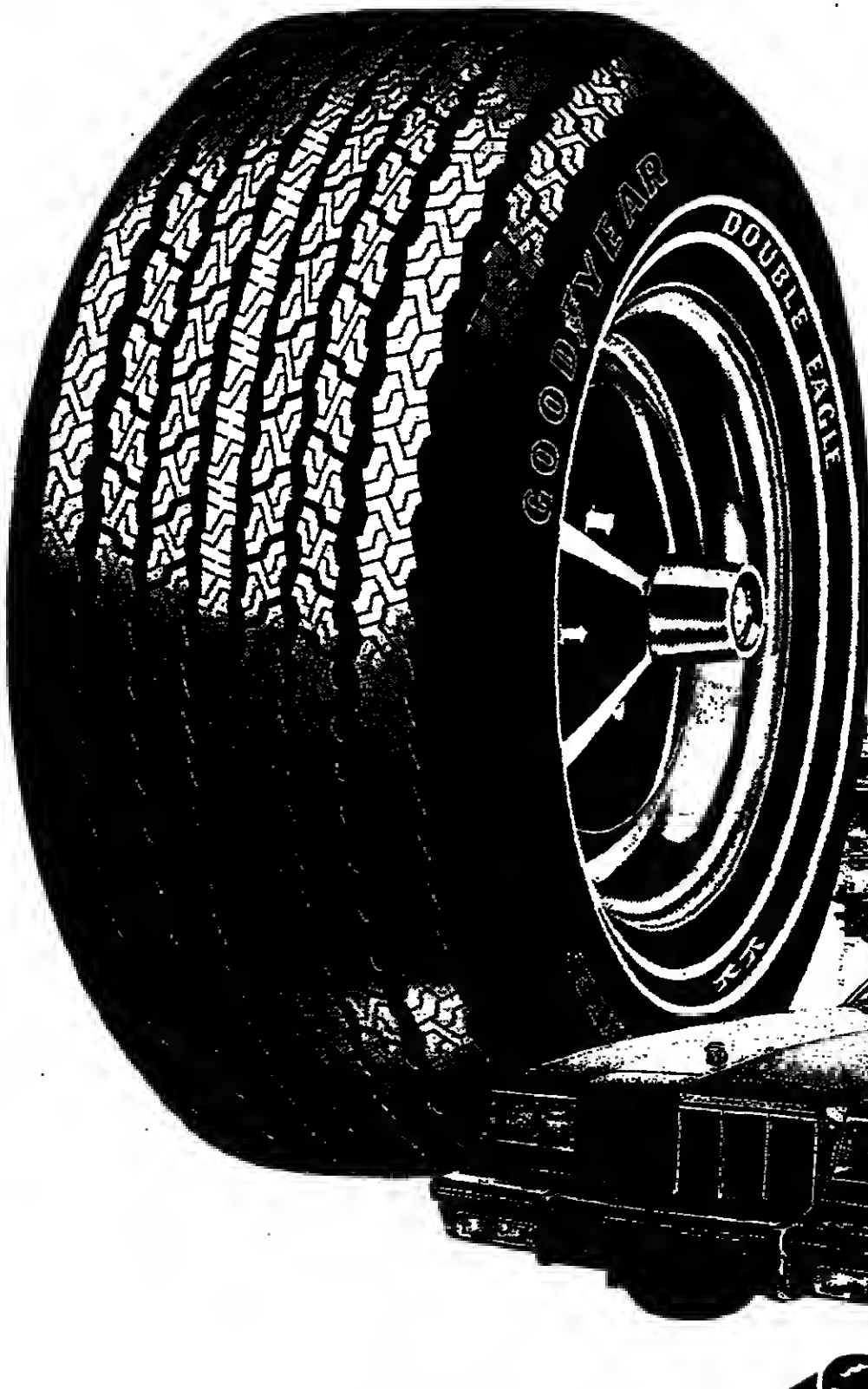
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U.S. trade deficit plummets to \$1.2b

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) — The United States' foreign trade deficit fell sharply to \$1.2 billion in February as imports declined more than in any month since the 1975 recession, the U.S. Commerce Department has reported.

The deficit, covering trade in merchandise but not in services, was down from \$5.1 billion in January and was the lowest monthly shortfall since the \$705 million on last March. Despite the \$705 million on last March, Commerce Department officials still expect this year's final deficit to be close to the record \$42.4 billion of 1978. Last year's total was \$39.7 billion.

Brazil to view Japan market

TOKYO, March 27 (AFP) — Brazil's foreign minister, Ramiro Saraiva Guerra, is due here late Sunday for a four-day visit aimed mainly at increasing bilateral commercial and scientific exchanges.

The minister will be accompanied by a delegation of businessmen and scientific experts led by Linaldo Cavalcanti de Albuquerque, who is president of Brazil's National Council for Scientific and Technological Development.

Brazil has good relations with Japan. There is no real trade dispute between the two countries. But Brazil would like to sell more manufactured goods in place of raw materials, and to increase bilateral scientific co-operation, a Brazilian source said.

Brazil would like to see a formal agreement to cover scientific and technical matters which are already the subject of co-operation. The source said the visit could result in the signature of such an agreement, and should also complete details for the holding of the third bilateral scientific and technological symposium. The first two were held in 1979 and 1981.

In the field of trade, Brazil requires heavy equipment for its industry. Brazil's trade with Japan was broadly in balance in 1981, totaling about \$1.5 billion in each direction, but some 60 percent of Brazil's exports were raw materials, with 20 percent representing food and only 20 percent manufactured goods.

February's export total of \$18.7 billion was about the same as in January, but imports fell 16.6 percent to \$19.9 billion. Most of that import decline was due to a huge 33.7 percent drop in the value of imported oil — a category that tends to soar one month and plunge the next. But there was also an 8.8 percent drop in imports of manufactured goods.

Imports tend to decline during a recession, such as the one the United States has been suffering since last fall, since there is less demand for any goods — foreign or domestic — in a slack economic period.

But commerce economist Ago Ambre said imports had been holding up pretty well, partly because the recently stronger dollar has made foreign goods cheaper for Americans to buy.

The big February decline in imported oil probably was at least partly due to reporting problems, Ambre said.

The report showed petroleum flowing into the United States at a rate of only 5 million barrels a day in February compared with 6.8 million in January. That averages put to 5.9 million per day for the two months, a more realistic fact is that it is only a bit below the 6.13 million barrels per day of last year.

Still, oil imports have indeed been slowing as prices have risen in recent years, dropping to last year's average from a rate of 7 million barrels per day in 1980, and officials expect this year's average to be below 6 million.

With the world experiencing a temporary oversupply of oil, the price also declined in February to \$33.96 per barrel from January's \$34.07.

The big reported February drop in oil put the nation's deficit with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at \$1.1 billion for the month, below the deficit with Japan — about \$1.4 billion — for the first time in months, if not years. Commerce officials could not immediately come up with the most recent time it had happened.

Other details of the report showed: — The oil deficit, which has dominated the U.S. trade picture since the mid-1970s, was \$4.3 billion in February compared with \$6.6 billion in January. — There was a \$133 million deficit for manufactured goods, down from \$699 million in January. — Agricultural products, always a big plus, showed a \$2.4 billion surplus compared with \$1.9 billion the previous month.

Russia set on enhancing aid to Poland

MOSCOW, March 27 (AP) — The Kremlin has agreed to "an appreciable expansion" of its trade and aid to Poland to help that nation's martial-law regime cope with Western sanctions, Deputy Polish Trade Minister Wladyslaw Gwadzka has said.

The official Soviet news agency Tass quoted Gwadzka as saying that Soviet leaders agreed to "an appreciable expansion and enhancement of cooperation between the two countries" during a visit to Moscow by Polish leader general Wojciech Jaruzelski in early March.

It was the first Soviet announcement of the aid boost, which was disclosed by Soviet officials during Jaruzelski's visit and by Polish media after his return to Warsaw. Soviet officials said the Kremlin agreed to raise aid to Poland above a \$3.862 billion level set in a Jan. 7 agreement.

ESCAP mulls food bank plan

BANGKOK, March 27 (AP) — India suggested Saturday further studies of the plans for setting up an Asia-Pacific food bank and that this subject should be raised again at next year's annual meeting of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

B.S. Raghavan, senior Indian Commerce Ministry official, told delegates attending the U.N. body's 38th session here that a group of experts should be selected to work with representatives nominated by ESCAP member governments in considering the specifics of the food bank. He said the proposal was one way of keeping the "highly interesting" idea alive without rushing into setting up the bank.

The ESCAP secretariat has forwarded the proposal as one way of ensuring a steady flow of food supplies to importing countries in times of natural disasters or crop failures.

Delegates from Thailand, one of Southeast Asia's main food exporting countries, also questioned the cost of setting up storage yards for grain, and who would pay for it. In his statement Saturday, the permanent

United States representative to ESCAP, Robert Brungart, agreed there was a need to avoid duplication of work.

Brungart noted that many international aid and lending institutions were already involved in Asian food programs and that the five-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) also had a food security scheme. He added it might be better for ESCAP to look for other food-related areas in need of help.

While such studies were under way, technical support could be continued toward helping countries increase food output and improve distribution. Burmese officials said their government favored handing the food bank idea over to the Asian Development Bank, for Manila-based ADB to channel extra assistance into food as a priority area.

Brian Smythe, the delegate from New Zealand, said: "It is better to start with practical but modest programs rather than go in for bigger projects that may take years to debate but never get off the ground."

Wall Street

Silver lining sighted on economic horizon

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP) — Wall Street's diehard optimists are out in force these days disputing speculation that the United States economy might be headed for its first depression since the 1930s.

"We fail to see any significant likelihood of such a calamity," declares the Merrill Lynch Market Letter. "Depressions have been forecast in every postwar recession," maintains Maury Harris, money market economist at Paine Webber. "Such gloomy prognostications are always wrong and usually best ignored."

"It is axiomatic in the market that great opportunities come clothed as great risks," says Francis H.M. Kelly, investment strategist at Dean Witter Reynolds, which has taken out full-page newspaper ads in recent days to proclaim the possibility of "the biggest, most sustained bull market of this century."

Most of these observers acknowledge the current recession poses some problems and worries that appear different from those experienced in business slowdowns of the recent past.

"Interest rates remain near historic highs and business failures have risen to very high levels," Merrill Lynch analysts noted. They

also conceded that "since the huge oil price escalation of 1973, growth has slowed significantly and budget deficits have stayed at unprecedented levels in most nations around the world."

Given these conditions, economists have been able to draw many parallels between the current state of affairs and the one that prevailed in the 1920s, before the last collapse. But Merrill Lynch argued that there are several important differences as well. "Consumers, for instance, have significantly lowered their debt-income ratios since the peak in 1979," the firm said.

"Mortgage foreclosures have increased but remain below previous highs. The economy is well along in the transition away from the speculation in land, resources and collectibles that peaked early in 1980."

Investors' fears of a severe slump seem to have eased a bit in recent days. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 12.27 to 817.92 in the past week. The American stock exchange market value index added 6.58 to 260.20. Big board volume averaged 53.70 million shares a day, against 61 million a week earlier. Harris at Paine Webber maintains the recent slowing

of inflation will cushion the U.S. economy's decline.

"Recent price cuts as businesses liquidate excessive inventories will help stabilize real household purchasing power," he said. "In a related vein, the overpricing that was at the heart of the automobile and construction industries' problems is finally being rectified in the marketplace."

Harris also pointed out that both a 10 percent income tax cut and a cost-of-living increase for social security recipients are scheduled to take effect at mid-year.

The two together, he said "will add roughly 2 percent to the level of disposable after-tax income. Even if half is saved the level of consumption would rise 1 percent."

Those who argue against the likelihood of a depression also cite the safeguards built into the U.S. economy, among them federal deposit insurance for financial institutions, social security and unemployment insurance.

In summary, the Merrill Lynch Market Letter maintained, "we think investors should anticipate slow and irregular growth combined with declining inflation, and the rapid declines in price levels that it brings, are not on the cards."

Canada car trade imbalance with Japan hits \$1b

OTTAWA, March 27 (AFP) — Canada's auto trade deficit with Japan nearly doubled last year to a record \$1.5 billion Canadian (\$1.2 billion).

This compared with the previous record of \$856-million Canadian in 1980, figures published here showed.

But despite the worsening imbalance with Japan, Canada still managed to whittle down its overall auto trade deficit.

The deficit, taking into account all foreign countries, was \$2.1 billion (\$405-million less than in 1980).

The figures released showed that Canada exported only \$7 million worth of auto products to Japan in 1981. This comprised auto parts only, rather than finished vehicles.

Panama Canal ups transit fees

PANAMA CITY, March 27 (R) — The Panama Canal Commission has announced increased transit fees for ships using the canal which is under U.S. control.

Commission spokesman Anel Beliz said Friday the new transit fees averaging an increase of 9.8 percent, were expected to come into force Oct. 1, pending final approval from President Ronald Reagan.

The fees will increase from \$1.67 to \$1.83 a ton for ships carrying cargo and from \$1.33 to \$1.46 a ton for deadweight ships.

The spokesman said the increases were due to an expected loss of \$50 million in revenue in 1983 from oil tankers from Alaska using the canal. The oil would be transported through a pipe being constructed in the Panama Isthmus, which was due to come into operation at end of the year, he added.

Tanker rates dip

LONDON, March 27 (AFP) — Tanker rates remained around their previous 13-year lows this week, with no hope of a recovery for many years to come, ship brokers said.

They attributed the on-going slump in the market to the decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to keep oil prices unchanged and to cut output less than deemed necessary by the trade.

Some operators predicted a "holocaust" in the tanker industry.

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Oil firms face OPEC's wrath

LONDON, March 27 (R) — OPEC, battling to overcome a global oil glut, is threatening to blacklist Western companies that have been trying to force Nigeria to drop its prices.

The unprecedented move to risk a head-on clash with the oil industry in defense of revenue-starved Nigeria, OPEC's weakest member, apparently has the full backing of Saudi Arabia.

It pledged at a Vienna meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) a week ago to work for unity among the 13 exporters and to use its muscle to help stop a slide in prices.

Earlier OPEC President Mansour Al-Otaibi told the Emirates News Agency (WAM) in Abu Dhabi that OPEC would call an immediate emergency meeting unless pressure on Nigeria ended.

The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), Friday night quoted an authoritative OPEC source as saying that oil companies that had reduced their oil shipments from Nigeria since the Vienna meeting had been told they had until Monday to reconsider.

Failing that, there would be an immediate emergency meeting of OPEC. Gulf countries would start denying the companies supplies and other OPEC members would follow their lead. The oil industry regards MEES as a threat.

U.S. policy irks Canada

OTTAWA, March 27 (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said he did not intend to personally approach the U.S. over its monetary policy but would bring the issue up at next June's Versailles economic summit.

Trudeau said at a news conference that conditions had not changed much since last year's Ottawa summit, when the U.S. assured its allies rates would fall by early 1982.

Finance Minister Allan Rock said he had raised the matter in a recent speech in New York. MacEachen said then that resistance in Canada to demands for artificially lowering rates, accepting a devalued currency and protectionist measures depended partly on the U.S. bringing its rates down.

MacEachen also said in a recent Reuter interview that U.S. rates and the budget deficit would be the chief issue at next June's summit.

Nigeria-based trade weekly, as a reliable source on Middle East oil matters.

MEES said Nigerian oil output had dropped by half to 630,000 barrels per day (bpd) since OPEC ministers met in Vienna last weekend and evolved a strategy to defend oil prices in the prevailing world glut.

OPEC then made some price cuts, but only minor ones. Nigeria, despite for revenue and seen by market analysts as the weak link, failed to cut its price far enough to satisfy buyers.

With world oil demand plunging, largely as a result of recession, non-OPEC Britain provoked an OPEC crisis this month when it cut its North Sea oil prices to \$31 a barrel — in line with a concerted Western bid to drive down oil prices, according to Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

Buyers told Nigeria, now at \$35.50 a barrel, to match Britain's price or watch them spur its similar crude oil.

But when OPEC met in Vienna last weekend it opted to try to defend prices by setting reduced output ceilings for all 13 members. The Saudi Arabians said their own output could fall below their ceiling, to defend the reference price of \$34 for Saudi Arabian light crude, so long as the others held the price line.

FAO sees record grain crop

ROME, March 27 (AP) — The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said global production of wheat and coarse grains in 1982 may range from 1,205 to 1,320 million metric tons, compared with 1,252 million tons in 1981.

In its first cereal production forecast for 1982, the monthly report said the final volume will depend on the area to be planted for spring grains and on weather over the next few months.

The report put anticipated global wheat output at 450 million to 900 million tons. This compared with last year's estimated output of 460 million tons. The forecast was based on a near-record sown area and generally favorable conditions for winter wheat crops in northern hemisphere countries.

Coarse grain output is expected to be around 755-820 million tons, compared with 762 million tons in 1981. However, much will depend on the overall weather and on the level of spring plantings, especially in the

MEES said buyers reacted by implicating threats to desert Nigeria and it was now producing only 630,000 barrels a day against an OPEC-allotted quota of 1.3 million. Late last week, the market buzzed with speculation that Nigeria would break OPEC ranks and cut its price. It is desperate for revenue and on Tuesday suspended financing for new imports.

MEES said new cuts in Saudi Arabian output — from a proposed seven million barrels daily in April — were by no means ruled out. MEES said that companies involved in Nigeria were the Anglo-Dutch Shell group and U.S. giants Gulf, Mobil and Texaco. It added that Mobil intended to make minimal shipments. No immediate word was available from the others on their plans.

In New York, industry sources said U.S. companies had not bought oil from Nigeria since the Vienna OPEC meeting and an official of one company with production there said the firm would not be heading unless Nigeria cut its price.

An importer with tankers headed for Nigeria said he would by-pass it if the Nigerian price remained unchanged. A U.S. trader said Nigeria could "forget it" if it continued to sell at prices well above those for North Sea oil.

United States, the major producer and supplier of coarse grain, the report said.

About rice, the report noted that most crops will not be sown before mid-year and the outcome will depend greatly on the 1982 monsoon. Early season crops may approach last year's level, though U.S. output may be less because of reduced plantings in response to lower prices and the acreage reduction program.

World paddy production in 1981 was estimated at 409 million tons, 12 million tons more than in 1980 and above the long-term trend.

The report said world trade in cereals in 1981-82 would fall behind earlier expectations but still amount to a record 209 million tons. It said wheat imports would increase to 98 million tons as compared with 91 million tons last year, but that coarse grain and rice imports were expected to drop.

Most of the increase will be in coarse grains, especially in the United States, which is "likely to account for 36 million tons or 80 percent of the increase in global carryover stocks of cereals."

Hopes of EEC budget accord soar

BRUSSELS, March 27 (ONS) — Common Market foreign ministers will meet in Luxembourg April 3 amid a sudden surge of optimism that at last they have a solution to a problem that has long riven the European Economic Community (EEC) — the question of Britain's contributions to the European budget.

They will examine a new compromise proposed by the European Commission and the Belgian presidency of the European council, it advocates paying Britain a refund on contributions for five years, operational from 1982. For the first three years a uniform sum would be paid to the U.K. government based on a percentage of the difference between its gross domestic product and what it pays into Brussels coffers.

No review clause, which Britain's foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, has insisted on having, has been suggested in the proposal. Further proposals would have to be made to

Air France staff strike affects flights

PARIS, March 27 (R) — Air France flight engineers started a four-day strike Saturday, disrupting flights to Europe and north Africa as much of the day began at the start of the holiday season for French schools.

Airline officials said long-distance flights were operating normally, but over 30 medium-haul arrivals and departures at the two main Paris airports had been canceled. The strike has been called by the union representing the majority of Air France flight technicians and one of two unions representing pilots. The pilots, union involved in the strike, however, represents only a small portion of the airline's pilots.

The engineers are protesting against the state airline's plans to introduce two-man flight crews on a dozen Boeing 737 airliners now on order from Boeing. The Air France planes fly with a pilot, co-pilot and an engineer-navigator.

The strike added to the traditional traffic jams and crowding on trains and planes as many Parisians left the capital on the first day of the school holiday break.

Exchange curbs in EEC ruled out

LONDON, March 27 (R) — Recent strains in the European Monetary System are unlikely to lead to an extension of foreign exchange controls in Europe, bankers and economists in major financial centers told Reuters.

Switzerland and West Germany remain strongly opposed to controls and the French are committed to riding out the present currency squall without recourse to further restrictions on capital movements.

Imposition of tighter French controls is possible, but not probable, and such a move would be likely to force France's immediate withdrawal from the EMS, they said.

French monetary officials said this week there is no need to tighten France's already strong foreign exchange controls and the franc will be defended by interest rate and intervention policies.

However, they said there is still scope for stricter control if the currency market situation made it necessary, and the announcement was followed by a cut in the period allowed exporters for currency repatriation.

cover the final two years of the arrangement. The EEC Commission thus hopes to avoid a wrangle over the farm price review, scheduled for the end of the month, which Britain is ready to use as a weapon in its fight for a better budget deal.

Plans put forward a year ago by the commission to solve the British budget deficit in tandem with reform of the Common Agricultural Policy — (CAP) — never had much relevance to the practical realities of European horse-trading.

A summit in London and several subsequent mini-summits all showed that member states are not prepared to buy the idea of reform of the CAP. While there is general acceptance that Britain should be refunded something on past top-heavy payments, the arguments have always been over how long such a repayment should last and who should foot the bill.

BRIEFS

PEORIA, Illinois (AFP) — The Caterpillar earth moving equipment firm has announced that 3,000 employees are to be made redundant in the United States between May and June. The company said the move was caused by an expected moderate fall in sales this year. In February, the company said that 2,500 people would lose their jobs during March and April. Caterpillar employs some 65,000 people in the U.S.

EINDHOVEN, (AFP) — The Philips group is against West European protectionism in regard to Japanese products, group President Wisse Dekker said here. Such a policy weakened enterprise, he said. Philips recorded a 1981 net profit rise of three percent and a turnover increase of 16 percent. Results should improve largely as a result of restructuring under which staff had been cut by 19,600 to 348,000 last year, he said.

ATHENS, (AP) — The government said Greece is planning more oil exploration in the Aegean Sea, where Turkey has claims rights to undersea minerals. "Programs of research and test drilling and core extraction in the Aegean Sea are shaped and studied," government spokesman Dimitri Maroudas said.

STAVANGER, West Norway, (AFP) — One Norwegian Statoil Oil Company has awarded an American company contract to install natural gas pipeline in the North Sea. Statoil said here Friday. The deal is worth \$150 million. The 500 kms (300 mile) line will carry gas from the Statoil field to Carmoey on the Southwest coast.

LONDON, (AFP) — The Egyptian shipping company founded in Cairo in November is planning to order soon between six and eight bulk carriers, informed sources have said. The company officials had talks in Britain last week with shipbuilders and bankers, but other builders, particularly in France, West Germany, Italy, Japan and South Korea are to be invited to submit tenders.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:30 p.m. Saturday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	—	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	—	—	279.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.50	143.00	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.95	129.35	—
Egyptian Pound	3.41	3.77	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	92.20	—
French Franc (100)	55.50	54.85	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	55.40	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	36.65
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	26.70	26.20	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	13.95
Jordanian Dinar	9.90	—	9.78
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.00	11.97	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.10	69.80	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.00	58.75	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	30.20
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	41.45
Pound Sterling	6.20	6.14	—
Saudi Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	160.90	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	32.40
Swiss Franc (100)	179.75	179.25	—
Syrian Lira (1,000)	57.00	63.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	—
U.S. Dollar	74.90	74.90	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	—

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Financial Roundup

Dollar notches up gains

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 27 — The American dollar closed the week on extremely firm levels against the various continental and Japanese currencies. The British pound, the yen and the French franc were weak, and the dollar also recorded gains against the Swiss franc. The immediate reason was the rises seen in U.S. dollar interest rates by as much as 5-16 percent in the space of one day, as well as to a much firmer Federal Reserve Board "Fed fund" lending rate which closed at 14 1/16 percent levels.

In the bullion markets, gold closed at \$322.50 an ounce in New York with the precious metal unable to sustain the mid-week rises to \$333.50 levels. Silver also traded erratically to close at \$7.03 an ounce in New York on Friday night.

In the American bourses, the weekly U.S. money supply figures proved to be an anticlimax after the money markets had been anticipating a large rise in the money supply. The M1 measurement showed a modest \$500 million increase, but this did not deter U.S. interest rates from rising after the mid-week faltering. One and three-month deposit rates rose sharply from Thursday levels of just under 15 percent to trade at 15 1/16-15 3/16 percent and 15 3/16-15 5/16 percent respectively. With such increases, the gap between European and American interest rates further widened and the dollar gained in the exchanges.

In the various currency news, the British pound slipped back to trade at 1.7850 in

London Friday on the basis of further contemplated British oil price cuts, but closed slightly firmer at 1.7900 levels in New York Friday night. The Bank of England has not actively intervened in the exchange markets lately but it will be interesting to note whether it will do if the pound opens under pressure in Europe on Monday. The French franc traded at 6.25-6.26 levels and closed the week at the former level, while the German mark remained relatively unchanged at 1.9115 levels. The Japanese yen, however, fell back to a 12 month low to close at 247.35 in New York and the market expected the yen to reach 250.00 next week if no satisfactory solutions are soon found to solve alleged Japanese trade imbalances with other countries.

In the local exchanges, Saturday saw a moderately active day with spot rial dollar rates trading between a range of 3.4202-10 and 3.4205-12 by close of the session. Interbank dealing was mostly for position squaring purposes with few institutions reluctant to take large positions on the dollar. Eurodollar deposit rates were quoted by a few OBU's in Bahrain (Offshore Banking Units), but spreads were wide, indicating a lack of trading interest. In the local money markets, rial deposit rates were generally firm, but trading was moderate. The one-month JIBOR rate was quoted at 13 3/4-14 3/4 percent. While the one-year tenor was given at 13 1/4-14 percent for indication purposes only. Week-fixed deposits were in more active demand at 13 1/4-14 percent levels.

Jakarta laid low by oil glut

JAKARTA, March 27 (AFP) — The world oil glut has hit hard for several months at Indonesia, which has a population of 150 million and accounts for 70 percent of its revenue through oil exports.

Oil Minister Dr. Subroto recently announced an oil output reduction of nearly 20 percent below budget forecasts, as a result of the meeting a week ago of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna.

This cutback from 1.6 million to 1.3 million barrels a day puts the official seal on a market fact, oil sources said.

Since January, Indonesia has found it increasingly difficult to sell its oil products, and several foreign companies operating in Indonesia for the state Pertamina Oil Company have had to cut back output heavily.

Indonesian sources said that the 1982-83 budget, which envisaged a high level of investment, will be seriously redrawn, and that the government will take austerity measures to reduce domestic oil consumption.

But it will be politically difficult for the

government to re-draft the budget which begins in April, especially as the growth of investment is concerned. Indonesia is in the middle of an electoral campaign for May 4 legislative elections, and violent anti-government demonstrations were held in Jakarta last week.

However, oil policy, which is based for the 1982-83 fiscal year on very large investment and a high level of prospecting, somewhat contradicts the trend of excess world production.

Indonesia's production is due to fall to its lowest level since 1975, when output was at 1,307 million barrels a day. Pertamina chief Judisumbono had said a few months ago that production would be 1.64 million barrels a day during the 1982-83 fiscal year, and would total 1.8 million barrels in 1983-84.

However, Japan's ambassador here has denied statements in the Indonesian parliament that Japan, which buys about 60 percent of Indonesia's oil exports, was going to reduce its purchases.

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With Whitlock's late goal

Southampton pips Stoke in thriller

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Reserve defender Mark Whitlock scored a late goal to take Southampton back to the top of the English First Division after they had thrown away a three-goal lead against Stoke City Saturday.

Southampton looked as if they were coasting home after they scored three times in nine minutes in the first half through Malcolm Waldron, David Armstrong and Mike Clinton. Stoke, however, battled back with goals from Alan Biley, on loan from Everton, former Southampton defender Dave Watson and Northern Ireland's Sammy McIlroy.

Southampton appeared to have squandered their chances until Whitlock, who played in place of suspended Chris Nicholl, headed the winner three minutes from the final whistle.

Swansea City were knocked off the top of the First Division when they were beaten 2-1 by Ipswich Town in the day's most important championship match. The kickoff was delayed for 15 minutes to allow Ipswich supporters to get into the ground after they had been held up by a road accident in Fourth Wales.

Scotland's Alan Brazil gave Ipswich an early lead which was canceled by Robbie James penalty, but Eric Gates grabbed the winner for Ipswich two minutes from the end.

Arsenal's goal-starved fans, who have hardly seen an entertaining match all season, could scarcely believe their eyes as the "Gunners" beat Aston Villa in a seven-goal thriller at Highbury. Arsenal's scorers were Alan Sunderland, Graham Rix (2) and Raphael Meade with Gary Shaw, John Moly and Heard replying for Villa.

Liverpool maintained their championship challenge with a 3-1 away win against neighbors Everton, in front of nearly 52,000 fans at Goodison Park. Ronnie Whelan, Graeme Souness and Craig Johnston were the Liverpool scorers with Graeme Sharp getting Everton's lone goal.

Cyrille Regis, England's new black striker, scored his 22nd goal of the season, to give West Bromwich Albion victory against Tottenham Hotspur in the possible F.A. Cup Final rehearsal at the Hawthorns.

In all, six players were sent off Saturday, three of them in an explosive Second Division promotion battle between Rotherham United and Queens Park Rangers at Millmoor, Lancashire.

Rangers, seven days away from their F.A. Cup semifinal against West Bromwich, had two players dismissed and goalkeeper Peter Hicker carried off after an incident which led to the sending off of Rotherham striker Ronnie Whelan. The two Rangers players given "marching orders" were defender Terry Fenwick and midfielder Gary Mickewhite, both for fouls on Rotherham players. However, both will still be available for the semifinal. The match lasted 103 minutes and Rotherham won 1-0 thanks to a second-minute goal by John Seaman.



Mike Channon... among the scorers

Soccer results

English Division One	4	Exeter	0
Arsenal	4	Aston Villa	3
Birmingham	1	Brighton	0
Coventry	0	Wolverhampton	0
Everton	0	Liverpool	0
Manchester United	0	Sunderland	0
Middlesbrough	0	Manchester City	0
Notts County	2	Leeds	0
Southampton	2	Stoke	3
Swansea	1	Tottenham	0
West Bromwich	1	Nottingham Forest	1
West Ham	0	Crystal Palace	0
Blackburn Rovers	1	Derby	0
Derby	0	Leeds	0
Grimsby	0	Wrexham	1
Leicester	3	Charlton	0
Newcastle	1	Chelsea	0
Norwich	2	Cardiff	1
Oldham	1	Barnsley	1
Sheffield	0	Sheff Wed	0
Wednesday	2	Oxford	0
Shrewsbury	1	Cambridge	0
Worthing	3	Bolton	0
Rotherham	1	Q.P. Rangers	0
Bristol City	0	Brentford	1
Cheltenham	0	Preston	1
Newport	2	Walsall	2
Walsley	0	Walsley	0
Fulham	4	Cardiff	1
Gillingham	2	Bristol Rovers	0
Huddersfield	2	Doncaster	2
Lincoln	1	Southend	1
Oxford	1	Westerfield	1
Portsmouth	1	Plymouth	0

World Cup Soccer

Peruvian coach to stress on experience

LIMA, Peru, March 27 (AP) — Elba de Padua ("Tim"), the highly optimistic trainer of Peru's national soccer team, says it could be among the four top teams in the World Cup in Spain.

Some of his players are not so sure, and some critics say Tim, 64, has too much enthusiasm. Most of the players say they must concentrate on the first phase of the tournament first. Tim, as all of Peru calls him, took over the team when its chances of qualifying for the World Cup seemed remote. After only two months of training together, he took it past Uruguay and Colombia.

Italy and Uruguay each has won the World Cup twice. "So if we beat Italy it will not be the only time we have eliminated a two-time world champion," Padua said. "Soccer is an art, and I have the best artists. Five and one-one-one technique destroy the game. With our art we will surpass Europe." While most observers see Italy as favorite in Group 1, Padua predicted differently.

"The Italian team is not in the best condition," he said. "Poland has always been a tough adversary and maintains its well coordinated play. Cameroon may also be a difficult rival."

Barbarians begin with a big bang

HONG KONG, March 27 (AP) — The Barbarians from England, defending champions, cruised into the quarterfinals of the 1982 Cathay Pacific-Hong Kong Bank International Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament here Saturday. The Barbarians crushed Sri Lanka 34-0, then beat Western Samoa 34-0.

But the champions had to fight for every ball before overcoming a determined challenge from Misser for a 20-0 win in a highly entertaining match.

Top contender for the title, the Scottish Borders, also reached the last eight but not before suffering some anxious moments from Tonga. After disposing of South Korea 18-0, the Scots, who are making their first appearance in the two-day tournament, almost suffered a shock defeat from the lucky Tongans, who led 9-6 before succumbing to a try in the dying moment of the match to win 11-4. The Borders completed the day's outing with a convincing 22-0 win over Papua New Guinea.

By far the most impressive team was Australia, last year's beaten finalist. The Australians crushed Brunei 38-0, Indonesia 52-0 and Hong Kong 34-0.

Crowd-tensers Fiji joined the last eight, leaving in its wake Japan 28-0, the American Eagles 30-4, Singapore 32-0, and Malaysia 24-0. Though beaten, the Fijians, the American Eagles are also cup contenders, beating Japan 30-6 and Singapore 40-0 with daring runs and fine ball handling.

The most entertaining team was the Pumas of Argentina, who thrilled the 11,000 crowd with fast runs. They were also in contention for the title along with Canada. Both won all their games Saturday.

The 20 teams are divided into pools of five each, with the first two teams of each pool playing for the Cup competition.

Padua said everything will favor the European teams in Spain. Asked which team would win the Cup, he replied: "It will be a European team, and after that Brazil, Argentina, Peru or Chile." Tim played for Brazil in the 1938 World Cup in Italy. He has seen all Peru's group rivals play.

"I think I am in a position to lead Peru to more success than it has achieved in the World Cup in the past," he said. Peru first played in the World Cup in 1930 but failed to survive the first stage. It reached the quarterfinals in 1970 and got through to the second phase of the 1978 tournament.

Most of the current team played in Argentina in 1978. Two of them — midfielder Teofilo Cubillas, 32, and the apparently eternal center-back Hector Chumpitaz, now 38 — played in Mexico in 1970. The average age of the team is almost 29.

"In the World Cup experience matters much more than youth," he said. "This is a season that lasts only one month. If someone is a crack player at 40, he is likely to continue to be so for a month. Perhaps after a month he will be spent, but during that month he can be phenomenal." Two other seasoned veterans are goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga, 31, an Argentine-Peruvian, who has turned 30, and midfielder Cesar Cueto, who is 28. Players interviewed said they have learned to respect and obey Tim.

As Rankov makes history

Oxford wins comfortably

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Oxford University's beefy vars men outrowed Cambridge for the seventh straight year Saturday and their No. 5, Boris Rankov, made University Boat Race history.

He was the first man in the 153-year story of the famous race to row in the rowing crew five years running. Sue Brown, who broke into the age-of-1 male domination of the Boat Race by coxing Oxford to victory last year, repeated it again. Steering skillfully round the bend of the 4 1/2-mile course on the river Thames, she guided the Oxford crew to a 3 1/2 lengths winning margin.

Oxford covered the course for a Putney to Mortlake in 18:1. The race record is 16:58, set by Oxford in freakish conditions in 1970. Rankov, 27, is a loner at St. Hughes' Women's College in Oxford. Statisticians believe he was also the first man ever to row in the boat race. He was eligible because in a fiction to lecturing he is still living for a local.

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BRIEFS

MADRID, (AP) — The Federation Internationale Du Sport Automobile (FISA) has given authorization to hold the Spanish Grand Prix Formula One Auto race, the Spanish Automobile Federation said Friday.

The Spanish race, scheduled for June 27, will be held at the Jarama Circuit outside Madrid.

LONDON, (AFP) — England's rugby union team to tour the United States and Canada in May and June will now be announced on Monday, a day later than originally planned.

AGEN, France, (AFP) — French federation president Albert Ferrasse said he would "wait and see" about the creation of a Rugby World Cup expected to be announced Monday in London.

PRETORIA, (R) — South Africa beat the touring South American Jaguars 50-18 (half-time 17-6) in a Rugby Union match Saturday.

SEOUL, (AFP) — Double Boston marathon winner American Bill Rogers is to compete in the first Seoul International Marathon here Sunday. Also taking part among eleven international women competitors will be women's world record holder Allison Roe of New Zealand.

MONTGENEVRE, (AFP) — Christine Cooper of United States won the last women's World Cup Slalom of the season here Saturday. She clocked 1 min 32.25 to beat West Germany's Maria Eppler by 1.30 and Poland's Dorothea Tjalka by 1.40.

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Frost ousts King for maiden final

WEMBLEY, England, March 27 (AP) — Morten Frost of Denmark played one of his finest matches Saturday and kept the hopes of the West Alive in the face of the Chinese domination at the All-England Badminton Championships. Frost defeated Liem Swie King of Indonesia, the defending champion 15-10, 15-10 and reached the final for the first time.

Luan Jin of China overcame the 1980 champion Prakash Padukone of India 15-5, 15-12. The Chinese beat off the last European challenge to monopolize the women's final, Li Lingwei, an 18-year-old with a big range of cleverly disguised strokes, outplayed Lene Koppen of Denmark 11-8, 11-0. In the other semifinal, all-Chinese, Zhang Ailing crushed Zheng Yuli 11-3, 11-3.

Earlier, Frost had made the semifinals with a 15-4, 15-4, victory over Han Jian, the first Chinese he met in the tournament. While Prakash Padukone had made the grade with a 15-3, 15-12 victory over another Chinese Chen Tianlung.

Padukone had an up-and-down time before eliminating Chen Tianlung. He won the first game easily but trailed 2-11 in the second. The Indian eventually got ahead at

Padukone bows to Jin

King for maiden final

13-12 but needed five match points before clinching his semifinals place.

Lin Swie King, the defending champion from Indonesia, overcame China's Chen Changjie 15-1, 17-16 after an exciting second game. The Indonesian led 9-2 and was within sight of victory when Chen Changjie charged back. The Chinese passed his rival to lead 12-11. Liem pulled level at 16-16 and eventually rounded off the match after two match points.

Koppen, bidding to recapture the crown she wore in 1979 had no trouble in beating Chen Roizhen. But the most convincing women's winner was top-seeded Zhang Ailing, who went past fellow — Chinese Guan Weizhen 11-3, 11-1 in a hurry.

The eclipse of the Chinese continued in the men's doubles event, as not one pair from the People's Republic got through to the semifinals.

Luan Jian and Lin Jiangli, the No. 7 seeds, went down in straight but hard-fought games to the title-holders, Kartono and Rudy Heryanto of Indonesia, who got home 17-14, 17-16.

Sun Zhan and Yao Ximing, the No. 4 seeds, also put up stern resistance against a

South Korean pair, Joe Bongpark and Eun Ku Lee, before admitting defeat 6-15, 15-8, 15-17.

The unseeded Chen Tianlung and Chen Wao went out to the revelation of the tournament, the well-established Scottish pair of Bill Gilliland and Dan Travers, who ran out surprisingly easy victors 15-0, 15-9.

Finally, another unseeded Chinese team, He Shaoqun and Jian Guoliang, were well beaten by the Malaysian brothers, Razak and Jalani Sidek, easy 15-1, 15-6 winners. In the semifinals, Kartono and Heryanto play the Sidek brothers and Bongpark and Lee meet Gilliland and Travers.

As in the singles, the Chinese women had more success than the men in the doubles quarterfinals, getting two pairs through to the "sems." They were Liu Ying and Wu Dixi, the No. 4 seeds, who, however, had to fight all the way to get the better of a Japanese pair, Atsuko Tokuda and Yoshiko Yonekura, and Zhang Ailing and Liu Xia.

Liu Ying and Wu Dixi had to battle hard to get the better of a Japanese pair, but in the end the youth of the Chinese team told on the older Japanese, and the Chinese ran out 11-15, 15-10, 15-10 winners.

In Lahore Test

Imran routs Sri Lanka

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 27 (AP) — Pakistan won the third and final cricket Test against Sri Lanka by an innings and 102 runs and the inaugural three Test series by a 2-0 margin.

Imran Khan, who got man-of-the-match award, got his career-best match figures of 14 for 116 runs and became the top bowler of Pakistan with 14 wickets in nine Tests. The Sri Lankans, needing another 165 runs to avoid innings defeat, resumed the game at 95 for five with their overnight not out batsmen Ranjan Madugalle and Somachandra de Silva. Ranjan Madugalle facing the first over of the day was howled by Tauseef Ahmed without any addition to the overnight score of 95 and his own tally of five.

Asantha de Mel joined Somachandra and with an addition of one run to the total, scored by Somachandra. Asantha de Mel was trapped leg before by Imran Khan without any score to his credit.

Wicketkeeper Mahes Gunatilleke and Somachandra tried to hold on grimly against the Pakistan's onslaught and put together 46 runs for an eighth-wicket partnership before Mahes Gunatilleke was caught by Imran Khan of his own bowling. Mahes Gunatilleke scored 22 runs and played Imran and Tauseef with great confidence. Ravi Ratnayake joined spinner Somachandra de Silva and was bowled by Imran Khan before he could open his account.

Both the spinners, Somachandra and

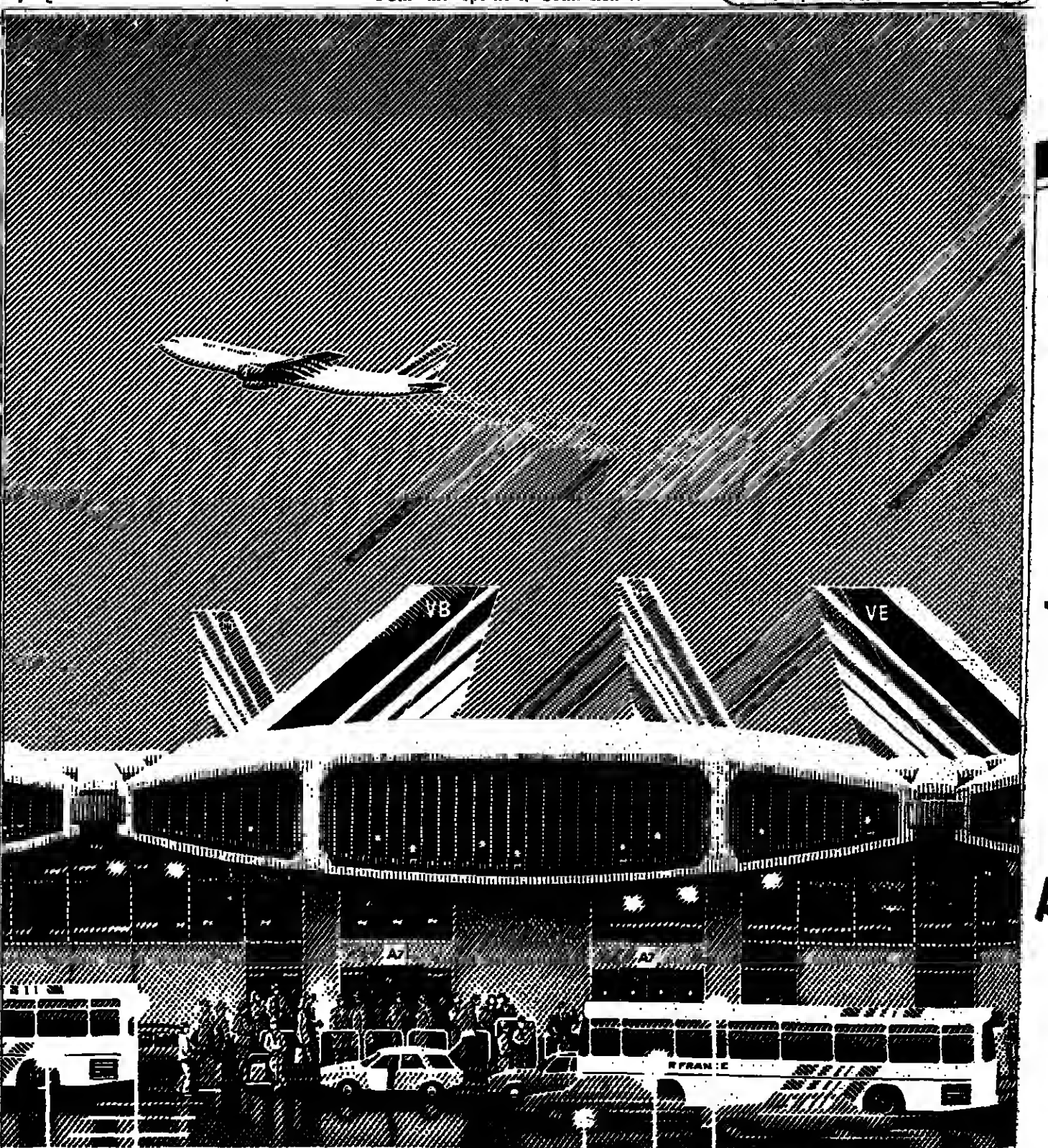
Roger Wijesooriya added 16 runs to the total before Roger Wijesooriya was bowled by Imran Khan. Somachandra remained unbeaten on 35.

On the fourth day, Zaheer Abbas took his tally from 82 not out to 134 and in the process took his Test aggregate past 3,000. His century, following Mohsin's patient 129, enabled skipper Javed Miandad to apply the closure at 500 for seven wickets. Sri Lanka began well but the exit of openers Warnapura and Sitar Wettimuny caused a slump.

Sri Lanka's last five batsmen, on the final day, were back in the pavilion adding only 63 runs to their overnight score of 95 in hardly 70 minutes of play on the final day.

Score-board

Sri Lanka (1st innings)	240
Pakistan (1st innings)	for 7 decl. 580
Sri Lanka (2nd innings)	
S. Warnapura c Miandad b Tauseef	26
S. Wettimuny c Majid b Imran	41
R. Dias c Raja b Tauseef	5
R. Madugalle b Tauseef	5
D. Mendis c Mudassar b Tauseef	5
S. Jayasankara b Imran	2
S. de Silva not out	35
A. de Mel b Imran	0
M. Gunatilleke c and b Imran	22
R. Ratnayake b Imran	0
R. Wijesooriya b Imran	3
Extras	10
Total	158
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-78, 3-84, 4-90, 5-93, 6-95, 7-96, 8-142, 9-142.	
BOWLING: Imran 22.5-3-58-6; Naqqash 6-0-23-0; Tauseef 25.7-58-4; Qasim 1-0-1-0; Raja 7-3-9-0; Majid 1-0-0-0.	



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With facile win over Nets

Bullets enhance playoff chances

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP) — Gene Shue has his sights set on a long-range goal and an immediate one. Right now, getting the Washington Bullets into the playoffs has taken priority over moving to the top of the National Basketball Association coaching ladder.

Shue became only the fourth coach to reach 600 victories when his Bullets topped the New Jersey Nets 104-88 Friday night. The triumph moved Washington a half-game ahead of the Nets for the fourth best record in the Eastern Conference. Six teams make the playoffs.

"It's terrific," said Shue, who also is the NBA's losingest coach with 597, two more than the Knicks' Red Holzman. "But what I'm really interested in is trying to get the team into the playoffs."

The Bullets seem on track after their seventh victory in the last 10 games. Washington, 35-34, built a 76-53 lead late in the third quarter and coasted. Spencer Haywood tied his season high with 27 points and pulled in 11 rebounds. Kevin Grevey scored 20, while John Lucas came off the bench to score 14 and hand out eight assists.

Irwin, Palmer fail to make cut

Five-way tie in Heritage Golf

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina March 27 (AP) — Tom Watson, eagerly seeking a return to his position as golf's leading performer, fought gusty winds for a solid, 3-under-par 6 that lifted him into a five-way tie for the second-round lead Friday in the \$300,000 Sea Pines-Heritage Classic.

"This puts me in good shape," an obviously pleased Watson said after posting his 36-hole total of 137, 7 shots under par on the difficult, 6,650-yard Harbor Town Golf links. At the halfway point of the chase for a \$54,000 first prize, Watson shared the lead with four non-winners, Tom Valentine, Ike McCulloch, Fred Couples and Frank Conner.

Conner, a former tennis pro compiled a 66 that ranked as the best round yielded by the swirling winds, McCulloch had a 70 and Couples 68.

Two strokes back, to the leading group, at 139, included Craig Stadler, George Archer, former Heritage champion Doug Tewell, former PGA titleholder John Mahaffey, and the two men who shared the first-round lead, Bud Allin and Kime Donald.

Bill Rogers, the defending titleholder and 1981 player of the year, had a 71 and was at 143. Tom Kite, who last season replaced Watson as the leading money-winner, was at 142 after a 73. Jerry Pate, a winner last week in the Players championship slipped to a 76 and was at 144.

"I'd like to be the winningest coach in Basketball," said Shue, who trails Boston's Red Auerbach (938), Holzman (693), and Portland's Jack Ramsay 602.

Elsewhere, it was Boston 125, Detroit 104; Houston 99, Seattle 97; San Antonio 110, Los Angeles 105; Philadelphia 115, Cleveland 111; Atlanta 100, Indiana 87; Dallas 96, Kansas City 87; Chicago 131; New York 107; Phoenix 113, Milwaukee 112, and Golden State 102, Portland 89.

Celtics 125, Pistons 104: Boston rolled to a club-record 18th straight victory, snapping the previous mark set in 1959-60. The Celtics are tied with the 1969-70 New York Knicks for third longest streak — second is Milwaukee's 20 in-a-row in 1971-72 and first is the Lakers' 33 straight — in 1971-72. Kevin McHale led the way with 21 points.

Rockets 99, Sonics 97: Moses Malone scored 46 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to keep the Rockets, 802 percentage points behind Phoenix in the battle for the West Conference's final playoff spot. The Rockets were down by 13 at the half but came back as Malone scored 14 points in the third

quarter and 10 in the final period. Seattle's Wally Walker missed a 15-foot (4.5-m) jumper that would have tied it as time ran out. Gus Williams led with 26 for Seattle.

Spurs 110, Lakers 105: Mike Mitchell erupted for 41 points, hitting 15 of 19 field goal attempts, grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds and took charge when NBA scoring leader George Gervin was plagued by foul trouble. The Lakers were down 100-88 with 5:50 left but Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's seven points sparked a 13-4 surge that closed the gap to 104-101. But that was as close as the Lakers got. Jabbar led Los Angeles with 28 points and Jamaal Wilkes added 27. Gervin had only 19 for San Antonio.

76ers 115, Cavaliers 111: Andrew Toney's three-point play and Julius Erving's two dunks in the last 57 seconds sparked the Sixers, who had lost three straight. Maurice Cheeks led Philadelphia with 21 points, while Toney added 18 and Erving and Caldwell Jones each had 16. The Cavaliers, losers of 20 of their last 24, got 31 points from Ron Brewer and 23 from Cliff Robinson.

Hawks 100, Pacers 87: The Hawks opened a 3½-game lead over Indiana in the race for the Eastern Division's last playoff berth. Atlanta has won five of six and 10 of 13. John Drew scored eight of Atlanta's first 10 points as the Hawks took an early 10-2 lead and Indiana never got closer than seven points. Dan Roundfield scored 17 of his 25 points in the first half and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Hawks. Billy Knight led Indiana with 22 points and Johnny Davis added 20.

Mavericks 96, Kings 87: Brad Davis scored 16 points and rookie Mark Aguirre added 13 as Dallas rallied to beat Kansas City. Davis gave the Mavericks the lead for good midway through the third quarter with three straight baskets. Jay Vincent, another Maverick rookie, led all scorers with 23 points. Mike Woodson paced Kansas City with 21.

Bulls 131, Knicks 107: Reggie Theus scored a game-high 27 points and rookie Orlando Woolridge added a career-high 24 points to spark a 26-9 Chicago run during a seven-minute span that carried the Bulls to a 67-46 halftime lead.

Suns 113, Bucks 112: Dennis Johnson scored 15 of his 25 points in the fourth period, including two free throws with three seconds left. Sidney Moncrief had 32 points for the Bucks and gave them a 111-109 lead with 55 seconds left. Johnson tied it with another pair of free throws, then won it at the line. The Bucks lost guard Quon Buckner, who suffered a dislocation and torn ligaments in his right thumb and may miss six weeks.

Warriors 102, Trail Blazers 89: Joe Barry Carroll put in 32 points — 20 in the first half — as Golden State held on to third place in the Pacific Division with its fourth straight victory. Portland suffered a third consecutive loss.



Mark Edmondson...serves tamely

S. Africa kept in check by Taylor

DURBAN, South Africa, March 27 (AFP) — Graham's Gooch's English cricketers were 82 for one at lunch Saturday after restricting the South Africans to 181 for nine declared in their first innings here in the third and final four-day match.

The toast of Friday, the opening day, was 28-year-old Leicestershire seamer Les Taylor, who took three wickets in six deliveries to give Gooch's team a chance of squaring the series. Taylor the only non-Test player in the touring team, took five wickets for 61 runs to spearhead a four-man seam attack on a rock-hard pitch.

Then Gooch and fellow-opener Geoff Boycott opened the English team's innings and compiled 19 runs without being separated in the remaining 20 minutes.

Taylor, the most penetrative bowler of the touring lineup, brought an end to the lengthy 57-run seventh-wicket stand between top-scorer Kourie (50 not out) and wicketkeeper Ray Jennings, having the latter caught by Knott. He dismissed Garth Le Roux and Vincent Van Der Bijl in quick succession to cause the tail to crumble. Earlier, Taylor gained the wickets of Graeme Pollock and all-rounder Adrian Kuiper.

Also in good bowling form was Derbyshire's medium-pace Mike Hendrick who returned figures of 21-9-28-3 after having broken through the top of the South African batting.

By unseeded Smid

Connors given a fright

MILAN, Italy, March 27 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors won another hard battle against Czechoslovak Davis Cup star Tomas Smid to qualify for the semifinals of the \$350,000 Cuore Tennis Cup Tournament here Friday night. The American took two hours and 40 minutes to down the unseeded opponent 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Argentine star Guillermo Vilas, seeking his second straight victory in the tennis championship circuit, also gained a berth in the semifinals making short work of Mark Edmondson of Australia, 6-2, 6-2.

Connors, who had struggled more than three hours to overcome Italy's Corrado Barazzutti in a second-round match Thursday night, will play fourth-seeded Peter McNamara of Australia in Saturday's semifinal round. Vilas, second-seeded in the competition and fresh winner of the Rotterdam tournament, will face U.S. veteran Sandy Mayer.

Connors defeated the 26-year-old Czechoslovak player recovering concentration and winning shots after a poor first set, in which he committed many unforced errors. In the second set the American player made a

decisive break in the fifth game and was off with a brilliant start in the third, breaking Smid's serve in the very first game. The Czechoslovak immediately returned the break but then lost his own serve twice and the match.

Vilas had a match easier task against Edmondson, in one hour and six minutes. He fired powerful crossing shots from the baseline and straight passing shots which grazed the lines to breeze past the seventh-seeded Australian.

In earlier third-round matches McNamara survived a thrilling third set tiebreaker to defeat American Vince Van Patten 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 while Mayer, a third-seeded Californian, also needed three sets to overcome fellow-American Brian Teacher.

Mayer, 29, ranked tenth in the world, relied on his good volley play to down the younger opponent 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 in one hour and 52 minutes at Milan's Indoor Sports Palace.

Teacher, of Los Angeles, seeded fifth, was overwhelmed in the third set when Mayer was back to top form after slowing down the pace in the second set.

Smith stumbles into last four

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP) — Anne Smith battled her way into the semifinals of the \$300,000 Avon Tennis Championships by outlasting her doubles partner, Kathy Jordan, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 Friday night.

Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia lost Wendy Turnbull of Australia in the night's second match at Madison Square Garden. Turnbull won 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, seeded fifth in this select eight-woman field, had clinched semifinal spots winning their first two matches in the double-elimination portion of the tourney. The winner in Sunday's final will receive \$100,000 with \$52,000 going to the runners-up.

Smith and Jordan, top-seeded in the doubles, faced each other for the second time in

two weeks. Jordan won their last meeting, in the quarterfinals at the Avon stop in Boston last week. But this time, in the women's winter tour finale, Smith prevailed, taking the net at every opportunity to keep the pressure on Jordan.

Jordan lost the opening serve of the match, double-faulting at game point, then, in the second set, Jordan received a conduct warning from umpire Lee Jackson when she vocally expressed her displeasure at a call.

Smith broke Jordan again in the seventh game as Jordan made numerous unforced errors. Jordan found the range in the second set, forcing Smith to put up short lobs which she put away with smashes. But Smith broke Jordan in the second and sixth games of the final set to advance to the semifinals.

Wenzel exhibits splendid technique

SAN SANCARIO, Italy, March 27 (AFP) — Former World Cup holder Andreas Wenzel won the men's Super Giant Slalom, an experimental cross between the Downhill and the Giant Slalom, on the final day of the 1982 season here Friday.

The Super Giant has been included provisionally on next year's World Cup calendar. Friday's race had no effect on the final World Cup standings.

The 24-year-old Wenzel, World Cup winner in 1980, said: "I thought before the start that it would be a great race. I think it should

be considered for the World Cup, but not as a replacement for the Giant."

Held over a single run like the Downhill, the "Super G" requires both speed and technique. It is an attempt to counter the overspecialization that has overtaken top flight skiing recently, as downhillers have virtually become a breed apart from slalomers.

But Friday's race had its detractors and among them the Mahre brothers who consider the super giant no more than a distraction. One-time slalom king Ingemar Stenmark was among those at the starting gate. He finished twelfth.

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ALL WE EVER DO IS ARGUE ANYMORE!

I KNOW

WHAT ABOUT A TRIAL SEPARATION?

HOW'S THIS?

WILL YOU GET OUT OF HERE!

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HAGAR

WHAT'RE YOU IN FOR?

I'M A POLITICAL HUMORIST

OH... WHAT'S HE IN FOR?

HE'S MY AGENT

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THE PRICE GOES UP -

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GOOD IDEA!

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WHY SHOULD I SUFFER ALONE?

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9:30 Tury Randall Show

9:55 Vega

10:00 News of Man

10:30 Tomorrow's Program

10:40 Sullivan

10:45 News

10:50 Opening, Oman

11:00 Cartoons

11:00 Children's Series

11:30 Local Children's Program

11:55 Health Program

12:00 Sports Magazine

12:30 Local News

12:40 The Runways

12:50 Arabic Drama

1:00 World News

1:30 Program Preview, Songs

1:45 Arabic Feature Film

12:00 Closures

DUBAI Channel 10

4:00 Quran

4:15 Religious Talk

4:30 Cartoons

4:40 Children's Series

5:30 Local Children's Program

6:00 Health Program

6:30 Sports Magazine

7:30 Local News

8:00 The Runways

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10:45 Arabic Feature Film

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4:45 Cartoons

5:00 Children's Series

5:30 360 Degrees

6:00 Health Program

6:30 Pardon my Grammar

7:00 Daily Arabic Series

8:00 Arabic News

9:00 Local Children's Program

9:30 Daily Arabic Series

10:25 Enemy at the Door

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6:00 Program Preview

6:15 Arabic News

6:30 Big Blue Marble

6:30 Capture

Oman

4:02 Quran

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5:01 Holy Quran

5:10 Program Review

5:15 Genes of Guidance

5:20 Light Music

5:25 On Ident

5:30 Fun Variety

5:35 Light Music

5:40 The Evening Show

5:45 Companion of the Prophet

5:50 Arabic by Radio

5:55 Dates to Remember

6:00 The News

6:05 S. Chronicle

6:10 Sound of the Eighties

6:15 Music Machine

6:20 A Small World

6:25 Concert Chorus

6:30 A Rendezvous With Dreams

12:00 Closures

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NW 242.88 Meters

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14:05 Holy Quran

14:10 Islamic Program

14:15 Hit in Germany

14:20 Economic Magazine

14:25 Way of Islam

15:00 News

15:15 From the press

15:20 Book Club

15:30 Variety

15:40 It's Your Life

15:45 Program Summary

16:00 Closures

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0630 World News

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0700 Open Gallery

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0715 Jazz for the Aching

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American observers arrive

Gunfire heralds Salvador poll

SAN SALVADOR, March 27 (Agencies) — Gunfire crackled through the streets of San Salvador Saturday and security forces reported a series of apparently coordinated bomb attacks throughout the capital. At least seven bombs exploded within a three-kilometer radius of the city center in half an hour. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

The bombings and shootings, which came as businesses were closing down for the day and workers returning home, were apparently part of a campaign by leftist guerrillas to disrupt Constituent Assembly elections here Sunday.

The targets of the bombs include national police headquarters and the water authority offices. It was the most widespread series of attacks this week after guerrillas warned they were bringing their campaign of disruption to the capital. Elsewhere, leftist guerrillas attacked government troops guarding a temporary road bridge linking eastern El Salvador with the rest of the country.

Slightly more than 1.2 million registered voters will choose 60 members of the assembly from 371 candidates. The assembly is responsible for naming a provisional president and setting up a presidential election. Six political parties will be represented in the election, called by the civilian and military junta but boycotted by the left as "a farce."

The six parties range from the moderate Christian Democrats of President Jose Napoleon Duarte to five parties of the right, led by the far-right Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) of major Roberto d'Aubuisson. The Christian Democrats and

the strongly anti-Communist Arena have led most recent opinion polls.

The army and various security units were patrolling almost deserted streets in major cities. San Salvador is under strict military control, as a precaution against guerrilla attacks.

American observers are meanwhile in Salvador to monitor Sunday's elections and the way they are held. Delegation leader, Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, said shortly after arrival in San Salvador that the presence of observers could constitute a "first step" toward political stability in Salvador.

Meanwhile, the United States and Mexico were at odds Saturday over the status of U.S.-Nicaraguan negotiations to help ease tensions in Central America. On Friday Mexico's U.N. Ambassador Porfirio Munoz Lezo

said the United States and Nicaragua would hold high-level talks in Mexico City next month but the State Department immediately denied that any such meetings had been scheduled. "The announcement is premature," the State Department said. "No such meeting has been agreed to."

Mexico has been trying to act as a go-between to smooth relations between the United States and Nicaragua. The United States has cut off aid to Nicaragua saving the Sandinista government has supplied arms to guerrillas in El Salvador.

Nicaragua says the United States is preparing to invade it and Munoz Lezo's announcement came during a U.N. debate on the charges. Nicaragua said at the start of the debate Thursday that it was ready for talks with the United States.

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Dialogue among Poles urged

WARSAW, March 27 (R) — A leading Polish commentator called Saturday for a dialogue between the government, the suspended Solidarity free trade union and the church to avert what he said could be years of passive political resistance.

Janusz Stefanowicz, deputy editor of the Warsaw daily *Zycie Warszawy*, said opposition forces had backed away from direct confrontation because of martial law and were thinking instead of a long-term campaign of resistance by inertia. The opposition had gone into internal exile and was preparing for a long-term conspiracy on the assumption that the military and Communist establishment would eventually disintegrate.

Stefanowicz said, "This is based on the expectation that resistance will get stronger and on a gradual erosion of the mainstays of power — that the military might try of replacing the civilian authorities and the civilian authorities may not succeed in rebuilding their administration." Stefanowicz said, He said such a scenario could be avoided if all sides, including the church, embarked on a dialogue.

Stefanowicz wrote: "The crisis has not been eliminated. Our most important task remains to get people back into participating in public affairs." He said dialogue must be resumed with Solidarity, but not exclusively. "Finally, last but not least, further and

Bad weather may force Columbia return today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 27 (AP) — Columbia's astronauts pressed ahead toward their scheduled Monday landing, but a storm front heading for New Mexico could prompt a day earlier return on Sunday, flight director Tommy Holloway said Saturday.

NASA flight manager Neil was meeting to decide when to bring Jack R. Lousma and C. Gordon Fullerton home. If the NASA brass decides to attempt a Monday landing, and then the weather worsens, flight officials say Columbia has supplies to stay in space for three days beyond Monday.

Holloway said the shuttle had full communications despite the failure of several radio channels, and that the failures did not prompt any discussions of an early, or late,

landing. Even if all radio channels were lost, another flight director said they could figure out how to get home with their hand-held computers.

Landing at Northrup strip on New Mexico's white sands missile range is a top priority for NASA. The primary landing strip, in California, already has been knocked out by soggy runways.

Return to earth was set for 1927 GMT Monday, but weather at the New Mexico runway was expected to be deteriorating about then, Holloway said. He called conditions Saturday "marginal" on Northrup strip, but said predictions were good for Sunday and called for deteriorating conditions sometime on Monday.

Lousma and Fullerton were treated to a tape recording of all of their family members shortly after waking up Saturday morning. "God bless you, we love you and have a nice day," said Lousma's wife, Gracia after his three children sent him short messages of greeting. Even Lousma's 1 1/2-year-old son Joseph piped up with some cooing and moaning, the latter in imitation of a cow.

"Good morning, Gorlo, we love you," said Fullerton's wife Marie, who followed their children Andrew and Molly Marie on the tape played by mission control in Houston. "That was a good idea and all signals came over loud and clear," Lousma told ground controllers after the tape was played.

Why else would they have intervened in an unprecedented way in Afghanistan?" he asked.

Haig rejected the notion that American policy in Central America is not much different from Soviet policy toward nearby countries. Given Soviet actions in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and now Afghanistan, Haig said he finds it "appalling" that some look on the Soviet system as the "vanguard of social justice."

"It is precisely the opposite: A conservative totalitarian and repressive system that has failed in economic and political terms, and which rests its hope for future success on force of arms, bloodshed, terrorism, and so-called wars of liberation." In contrast, he said, the United States and like-minded Western democracies have been the "true vanguards for social change."

Asked about the possibility of a change in leadership in the Soviet Union, Haig said, "I think the transition has begun, as it would inevitably do as the time moves ahead, and we see a great deal of activity internally in the Soviet Union that suggests that a new phase of transition has indeed begun. I think we all must watch it with great care."

Haig added, "I don't think it's appropriate for me to comment one way or the other on the longevity of Mr. Brezhnev. We wish him good luck and continued success."

thorough attention must be paid to the Roman Catholic episcopate," he said.

The Polish Sejm (parliament) established a new socio-economic council Friday in the hopes of forging closer links between the people and government. But, in an illustration of the changes in Polish politics since martial law, the council is a far cry from the body which solidarity sought.

Solidarity wanted the council to control the government, while the body set up Friday has only advisory status. "It is still hard to say exactly how the economic council will be like," its new chairman, Jan Szczepanski, said.

The Sejm also passed a new law Friday giving guarantees of tenure to private farmers and voted amendments to the constitution which provided for the establishment of two new tribunals. One tribunal will sit in judgment on the men considered responsible for the mistakes of the 10-year rule of disgraced party leader Edward Giersek which ended in the worker revolt of August 1980.

The other body will act as a constitutional watchdog. Officials said the law on farming would be followed by amendments to the constitution which provide for a lasting place for private farming in Communist-ruled Poland. Three-quarters of Polish farmland is in private hands.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

These lines are directed more to women than men. They are directed, more specifically, to married women, rather than unmarried ones. Even more specifically, they are directed to those married women who are at the moment beginning to be bewildered at the behavior of their husbands. Has the old fool been playing up lately? Have you had cause to nag at him — and probably rightly so — recently? Well, sit back and listen until I tell you.

The old man, if I am not mistaken, is between the ages of 40 and 50, isn't that so? Ah, I thought so. For here is a scientific report which says that at some point within this range a man, who had hitherto lived and worked normally enough, is apt to flip his lid all of a sudden.

One day he's the same old personage, and the next he comes back from work excited, declaring he had just bought himself a motorcycle as the life of the road is from now on for him, or a yacht, because the wild call of the seas had suddenly sounded in his sedate veins. Or he might start dyeing his hair or toying with the idea of wearing a toupee or clothes fit for a much younger man.

Some of them, so the report says, even start harboring notions of extra marital adventures — perish the thought of course but there is the scientific report.

These changes are psychological and physiological. They express themselves in a feeling of entrapment, of fear that the best part of life has gone irrevocably past, and of the options narrowing down to the one dismal one of "more and more of exactly the same." The man then starts, as it were, to rattle his chains bay at the moon.

Now women too pass through such a phase, but it usually comes earlier. And as it usually proves to be a passing phase with them, so the hope is they will understand it is a passing phase with the man. What is needed, therefore, is understanding, the patient waiting until the old fool gets it (or some of it) out of his system so that calm can again prevail.

China may reduce relations with U.S.

PEKING, March 27 (AFP) — China seems to be moving toward reducing its diplomatic relations with the United States, a move which would apparently have little impact on bilateral economic ties, according to diplomatic analysts here.

Their assessment was based on recent remarks made by powerful Chinese Communist Party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping on the Sino-American controversy over Taipei and by certain measures taken by the Chinese leadership.

Deng, the architect of the Sino-U.S. normalization, was reported to have indicated to the former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk recently that China has made up its mind about reducing its diplomatic ties with Washington. However, meeting U.S. industrialist Arnold Hammer Friday, Deng hinted that differences of views on Taipei would not necessarily jeopardize trade relations between China and the United States.

Hammer, chairman of the U.S. group Occidental Petroleum, who has just reached an agreement with Peking that could lead to the largest ever contract between China and an American company, quoted Deng as saying that the Taipei issue should not affect Sino-American business relations. Pressed by journalists, Hammer qualified these remarks, saying the Chinese strongman had voiced hopes that the China-U.S. dispute would not affect bilateral trade.

Two-way trade is steadily growing and the United States has now become China's second trade partner after Japan. Occidental Petroleum has just concluded a feasibility accord on a coal mine project in northern China which is expected to lead to a contract for joint mining.

Hammer indicated that his group was ready to invest \$230 million in the project.

Pill turns him womanish

CAIRO, March 27 (AFP) — An Egyptian family man in his fifties, who found himself drawn to men and wanting to wear lipstick and women's clothes, discovered that the culprit was his wife's birth control pills, the magazine *October* reported here.

The man, a husband and father, went to a doctor before deciding to leave Egypt, since he felt life was becoming difficult due to his growing proclivities. The doctor, after a long consultation with his patient, who appeared "perfectly normal," discovered the man had been taking birth control pills, along with his wife, for ten years.

Rival developed to Rubik's Cube

MOSCOW, March 27 (AP) — A Moldavian engineer has invented a multicolored pyramid similar to "Rubik's Cube," the popular three-dimensional logic puzzle, the Soviet news agency Tass said Saturday.

Alexander Ordynets of Kishinev, capital of Soviet Moldavia, named his puzzle the "Moldavian Cube." Tass said, it did not indicate if the game was being produced for sale.

Recent issues of a Soviet magazine have described how to build and solve the cube puzzle, which it called the "Hungarian cube." The puzzles have not been seen on sale, however.

Tass said the "Moldavian pyramid" has fewer possible variations than the cube, making it easier to solve. The shape and construction of the pyramid, which has no right angles, complicates solving the puzzle, than S, arranging the 14 elements into monochromatic sides of green, red, blue and orange.

U.S. mission attacked

BREMEN, West Germany, March 27 (AP) — Demonstrators threw stones and paint at the U.S. consulate and an American bank Saturday, and 4,000 persons staged a march to protest U.S. policy toward El Salvador.

Police said the consulate here was attacked twice — once before the march and once after — by protesters upset with U.S. support for El Salvador's military-civilian junta. They said several windows were broken, but gave no damage estimate.

Following the march, police said, another group broke off from the main group of protesters and threw stones and paint at the branch office of the Iberian-American Bank.

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Athens	5	41	15	59	clear
Bahrain	18	64	22	72	cloudy
Bangkok	24	75	26	79	rain
Beirut	11	52	21	70	clear
Buenos Aires	5	41	18	65	clear
Buenos Aires	16	60	18	64	rain
Cairo	12	54	18	64	rain
Caracas	18	64	28	82	cloudy
Chicago	-3	27	1	34	clear
Copenhagen	3	37	15	57	clear
Dublin	1	34	18	64	cloudy
Frankfurt	1	34	17	63	clear
Geneva	-2	28	11	52	clear
Hong Kong	17	63	19	66	cloudy
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	90	rain
London	4	39	17	63	clear
Madrid	4	39	12	54	clear
Manila	21	70	34	93	cloudy
Mexico City	12	54	26	79	clear
Miami	-21	71	29	84	cloudy
Montreal	-5	23	4	39	snow
Moscow	2	36	3	37	clear
New Delhi	14	58	26	79	clear
New York	4	39	9	48	cloudy
Nicosia	3	37	13	55	clear
Oslo	0	32	10	50	clear
Paris	6	43	20	68	clear
San Francisco	9	48	15	59	cloudy
Seoul	-2	28	10	50	clear
Singapore	25	77	30	86	cloudy
Stockholm	2	36	12	54	clear
Sydney	19	66	25	77	clear
Taipei	14	57	17	63	cloudy
Tokyo	4	39	12	54	clear
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